

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-154

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Ethics of the State of Florida has been created to represent the people in assuring that public officers do not abuse trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Frank Peterman, is at all times material hereto the Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. COE 12-002 rendered on February 8, 2012, the Commission on Ethics of the State of Florida concluded that Mr. Peterman violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by incurring excessive travel costs after receiving reasonable notice and admonition by the Governor's administration that travel was excessive; and

WHEREAS, the Final Order was appealed in the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District, and on March 20, 2013, the District Court of Appeal upheld the Commission on Ethics Final Order; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report dated February 8, 2012;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order effective immediately finding that:

1. Frank Peterman, Jr. violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by incurring excessive travel costs after receiving reasonable notice and admonition by Governor Crist's administration that travel was excessive.

4. A civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 is hereby imposed against Mr. Peterman which penalty shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement made under oath by Mr. Peterman that the penalty was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

5. Frank Peterman, Jr. is hereby publicly reprimanded and censured.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee this 14th day of June, 2013.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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SECRETARY OF STATE