

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB HCC 08-07 Trust Funds/Re-creation/Welfare Transition Trust Fund/DCFS
SPONSOR(S): Healthcare Council and Bean
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2114

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
Orig. Comm.: Healthcare Council		Ekholm/Massengale	Gormley
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I. SUMMARY

The bill re-creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund without modification, effective July 1, 2008. The bill also repeals the scheduled termination date in section 20.506, F. S. The Welfare Transition Trust Fund, FLAIR number 60-2-401, is administered by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF). This fund was created effective July 1, 2004, by chapter 2004-364, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution requires that every trust fund be created or re-created by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating that trust fund. The Constitution also provides that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless re-created. The Welfare Transition Trust Fund was created effective July 1, 2004, by chapter 2004-364, Laws of Florida, in section 20.506, Florida Statutes.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

Trust fund moneys shall be used to provide services to individuals eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) pursuant to the requirements and limitations of Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act, as amended, or any other applicable federal requirement or limitation.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Funds credited to the trust fund consist of those funds collected from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.

4. TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS INTO THE FUND AND CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FUND:

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 receipts in the trust fund in the Department of Children and Family Services totaled \$525,123,746.61.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill re-creates the trust fund without modification. The bill also repeals the scheduled termination date in section 20.506, F. S.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS

V. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES