

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB HCC 08-10 Trust Funds/Re-creation/Welfare Transition Trust Fund/DOH
SPONSOR(S): Healthcare Council and Bean
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2118

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

The bill re-creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund, FLAIR number 64-2-401, within the Department of Health. This fund was created on July 1, 2004, by chapter 2004-363, Laws of Florida. The bill requires that all current balances in the trust fund are carried forward, and all sources and uses of the trust fund are continued. The bill deletes the scheduled termination date of the trust fund in section 20.435, Florida Statutes.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

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 2004-363, Laws of Florida, in section 20.435, Florida Statutes.

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

Trust fund monies 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:

Because the Legislature made no TANF appropriation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, there are no receipts available for the trust fund. The Fiscal Year 2007-2008 appropriations from the fund are \$8,871,588.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill re-creates the trust fund without modification and repeals the scheduled termination date.

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