

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB GEAC 07-18 Emergency Response Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Government Efficiency & Accountability Council and Jordan
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1310

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I. SUMMARY

This legislation continues the Emergency Response Trust Fund, FLAIR number 62-2-087, which is administered by the Department of Military Affairs.

This bill amends section 250.175(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 250.175(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, created the trust fund within the Department of Military Affairs.

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

The trust fund is used to pay all operational costs incurred by the Florida National Guard when called to active duty. The Emergency Response Trust Fund is used by the Department of Military Affairs.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The revenue sources for this trust fund are Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements and transfers of state funds when approved by budget amendments processed pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

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

Reimbursements from FEMA for the costs of activating the Florida National Guard and transfers of state funds approved by budget amendments processed under chapter 216, Florida Statutes, shall be deposited into the trust fund. Costs associated with Tropical Storm Ernesto during the 2006 hurricane season have been deposited into the trust fund.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

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

None.