

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations Committee

BILL: CS/SB 1330

INTRODUCER: Education Pre-K – 12 Appropriations Committee and Senator Wise

SUBJECT: Terminating/Renaming Specific Trust Funds within the Department of Education

DATE: February 20, 2007 REVISED: _____

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I. Summary:

Section 215.3206, F.S., which implements s. 19(f), Article III of the Florida Constitution, requires review of agency trust funds every four years. CS/SB 1330, which reflects the results of this review for the Department of Education, terminates two trust funds, the Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund and the Projects, Contracts and Grants Trust Fund. The bill also renames the Educational Aids Trust Fund as the Federal Grants Trust Fund.

The Committee Substitute clarifies that all portions of the bill are effective July 1, 2007, except for the termination of the Projects, Contracts and Grants Trust Fund, which is effective July 1, 2008. This trust fund is replaced, in part, by the Operating Trust Fund which is created by SB 1332, effective July 1, 2008.

This bill amends s. 1002.335 and repeals s. 1010.72, 1010.76, 1010.78, and 1012.72 (5), F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Department of Education - Projects, Contracts, and Grants Trust Fund, FLAIR number 48-2-552:

This fund is used to administer contracts and grants for specific projects and to fund time-limited employment for personnel working on those projects.

Department of Education - Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund, FLAIR number 48-2-206:

This trust fund contains appropriations to provide monetary incentives and bonuses for Florida teachers to become nationally certified through the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Department of Education - Educational Aids Trust Fund, FLAIR number 48-2-180:

This fund is used to administer receipts and disbursements for federal grants received by the Department of Education.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill terminates the following trust funds within the Department of Education.

- Projects, Contracts and Grants Trust Fund, FLAIR number 48-2-552 - this is a duplicate fund that is no longer needed. Grants and miscellaneous revenues will be handled in other trust funds pursuant to the requirements in s. 215.32, F.S.
- Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund, FLAIR number 48-2-206 – the only revenue stream for this trust fund is transfers from General Revenue or other sources. This fund is no longer needed since the Legislature is no longer making transfers into the fund.

The Educational Aids Trust Fund, FLAIR number 48-2-180, as the primary recipient for federal funds for the department, is to be renamed the Federal Grants Trust Fund, Flair number 48-2-261. Section 215.32, F.S., defines standard agency trust funds which are to be used to the extent possible by all state agencies for day-to-day-operations. This change is based on that section.

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IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The termination or renaming of the specific trust funds will not affect state operations. These changes will provide more consistency across agencies and improve compliance with the Governmental Accounting Standards.

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies, total state funds, and local governments as a whole or the private sector.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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