Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the General Government Appropriations Committee

BILL: CS/SB 1830

INTRODUCER: General Government Appropriations and Senator Alexander

SUBJECT: Disposition of Traffic Infractions

DATE: April 2, 2008   REVISED:

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE		ACTION
1.	Pigott	DeLoach	GA	**Fav/CS**	
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... [X] Statement of Substantial Changes
B. AMENDMENTS........................ [ ] Technical amendments were recommended
                                    [ ] Amendments were recommended
                                    [ ] Significant amendments were recommended

I.   Summary:

The bill expands the purpose of the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Trust Fund within the Department of Management Services. The bill allows the department to retain funds to sufficiently recover the costs and expenses incurred when assisting state and local law enforcement agencies with their regional law enforcement communications systems.

The bill amends section 318.18(17), Florida Statutes.

II.   Present Situation:

Currently, a $3 fine is imposed on all criminal offenses listed in s. 318.17, F.S., and for all noncriminal moving traffic violations under chapter 316, F.S. The revenues are remitted to the Department of Revenue and deposited quarterly into the SLERS Trust Fund within the Department of Management Services.   Together, the Department of Management Services and the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications determine the distribution of the revenues for the specific purpose of enhancing and improving the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS).

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 318.18(17), F.S., to expand the use of funds in the SLERS Trust Fund to include costs incurred by the Department of Management Services while providing technical assistance to state agencies and local law enforcement agencies relating to statewide systems of regional law enforcement communications as defined it s. 282.111, F.S.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2008.

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:

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A.   Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B.   Private Sector Impact:

None.

C.   Government Sector Impact:

This bill broadens the use of funds in the SLERS Trust Fund to include certain costs incurred by the Department of Management Services and to reduce the reliance on general revenue monies. As a practical matter, for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the bill allows for general revenue funding to be reduced by $214,721 and two full-time equivalent positions and funding from the SLERS trust fund to be increased by $214,721 and two positions.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII.   Related Issues:

None.

VIII.   Additional Information:

A.   Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by General Government Appropriations on April 2, 2008:

Senate Bill 1830 was originally filed as a shell bill expressing legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Management Services. The General Government Appropriations Committee adopted the committee substitute as described in this bill analysis.

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B.   Amendments:

None.