

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RS 04/23/2009

The Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

- Section 1. Paragraph (v) of subsection (2) and subsection (7) of section 17.57, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 17.57 Deposits and investments of state money.-
- (2) The Chief Financial Officer shall make funds available to meet the disbursement needs of the state. Funds which are not needed for this purpose shall be placed in qualified public depositories that will pay rates established by the Chief

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Financial Officer at levels not less than the prevailing rate for United States Treasury securities with a corresponding maturity. In the event money is available for interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts as provided herein and qualified public depositories are unwilling to accept such money and pay thereon the rates established above, then such money which qualified public depositories are unwilling to accept shall be invested in:

(v) Securities not otherwise described in this subsection. However, not more than $7 ext{ } ext{9}$ percent of the funds under the control of the Chief Financial Officer shall be invested in securities described in this paragraph.

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These investments may be in varying maturities and may be in book-entry form. Investments made pursuant to this subsection may be under repurchase agreement or reverse repurchase agreement. The Chief Financial Officer may hire registered investment advisers and other consultants to assist in investment management and to pay fees directly from investment earnings. Investment securities, proprietary investment services related to contracts, performance evaluation services, investment-related equipment or software used directly to assist investment trading or investment accounting operations including bond calculators, telerates, Bloombergs, special program calculators, intercom systems, and software used in accounting, communications, and trading, and advisory and consulting contracts made under this section are exempt from the provisions of chapter 287.

(7) In addition to the deposits authorized under this

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section and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, funds that are not needed to meet the disbursement needs of the state may be deposited by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the following conditions:

- (a) The funds are initially deposited in a qualified public depository, as defined in s. 280.02, selected by the Chief Financial Officer.
- (b) The selected depository arranges for depositing the deposit of the funds in financial deposit instruments insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured banks or savings and loan associations, wherever located, for the account of the state.
- (c) The full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each financial deposit instrument such certificate of deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- (d) The selected depository acts as custodian for the state with respect to each financial deposit instrument such certificates of deposit issued for its account.
- (e) At the same time the state's funds are deposited and the certificates of deposit are issued, the selected depository receives an amount of deposits from customers of other federally insured financial institutions, wherever located, equal to or greater than the amount of the funds initially invested by the Chief Financial Officer through the selected depository.
- Section 2. Effective July 1, 2010, the amendment of s. 17.57(2)(v), Florida Statutes, made by this act shall expire, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2009, except that any amendments to such text

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enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of such text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 3. Section 17.575, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 17.575 Administration of funds; Treasury Investment Committee.-
- (1) There is created a Treasury Investment Committee within the Division of Treasury consisting of at least five members who must possess special knowledge, experience, and familiarity in finance, investments, or accounting. The members of the committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Financial Officer. The committee shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from among its membership.
- (2) The committee shall administer the Treasury Investment Program consistent with policies approved by the Chief Financial Officer for deposits and investments of public funds. The committee shall also make recommendations regarding investment policy to the Chief Financial Officer.
- (3) The committee shall submit an annual report outlining its activities and recommendations to the Chief Financial Officer and the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee. The report shall be submitted on August 15, 2009, and annually thereafter.

Section 4. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (23) of section 218.415, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

218.415 Local government investment policies.-Investment activity by a unit of local government must be consistent with a written investment plan adopted by the governing body, or in the

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absence of the existence of a governing body, the respective principal officer of the unit of local government and maintained by the unit of local government or, in the alternative, such activity must be conducted in accordance with subsection (17). Any such unit of local government shall have an investment policy for any public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current expenses as provided in subsections (1)-(16), or shall meet the alternative investment quidelines contained in subsection (17). Such policies shall be structured to place the highest priority on the safety of principal and liquidity of funds. The optimization of investment returns shall be secondary to the requirements for safety and liquidity. Each unit of local government shall adopt policies that are commensurate with the nature and size of the public funds within its custody.

- (23) AUTHORIZED DEPOSITS.—In addition to the investments authorized for local governments in subsections (16) and (17) and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a unit of local government may deposit any portion of surplus public funds in its control or possession in accordance with the following conditions:
- (b) The selected depository arranges for depositing the deposit of the funds in financial deposit instruments insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured banks or savings and loan associations, wherever located, for the account of the unit of local government.
- (c) The full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each financial deposit instrument such certificate of deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.



(d) The selected depository acts as custodian for the unit of local government with respect to each financial deposit instrument such certificates of deposit issued for its account.

(e) At the same time the unit of local government's funds are deposited and the certificates of deposit are issued, the selected depository receives an amount of deposits from customers of other federally insured financial institutions, wherever located, equal to or greater than the amount of the funds initially invested by the unit of local government through the selected depository.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to surplus public funds; amending s. 17.57, F.S.; increasing the maximum percentage of funds under the control of the Chief Financial Officer to be invested in certain securities; deleting a provision relating to concurrent deposits by a unit of local government and customers of other federally insured financial institutions; providing for the expiration of such increase and the reversion of statutory text; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer and local governments deposit surplus funds in financial deposit instruments insured by the Federal

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Deposit Insurance Corporation rather than in certificates of deposit; creating s. 17.575, F.S.; creating the Treasury Investment Committee within the Division of Treasury; providing for membership on the committee; requiring that the committee annually elect a chair and vice chair from within its membership; providing duties of the committee; requiring that the committee submit an annual report on a specified date and annually thereafter outlining its activities and recommendations to the Chief Financial Officer and the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee; amending s. 218.415, F.S.; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer and local governments deposit surplus funds in financial deposit instruments insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation rather than in certificates of deposit; deleting a provision relating to concurrent deposits by a unit of local government and customers of other federally insured financial institutions; providing an effective date.