

Committee on Budget

SB 2162 — Welfare Transition Trust Fund

by Budget Committee

This bill creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Education.

This trust fund is needed in order to implement the transfer of programs to the Department of Education as proposed in legislation before the 2011 Legislature. Specifically, the School Readiness Program, proposed for transfer from the Agency for Workforce Innovation to the Department of Education as part of the creation of the Department of Economic Opportunity, is currently partially funded with federal funds derived from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant.

The trust fund is established for use as a depository for receiving federal funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. Trust fund moneys shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing services to individuals eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 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. Funds credited to the trust fund consist of those funds collected from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.

In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III, State Constitution, the Welfare Transition Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2015. Before its scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2), F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 119-0