

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: April 14, 1998 Revised: _____

Subject: Employee Benefit Trust Fund

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Martin</u>	<u>Smith</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This bill creates the Employee Benefit Trust Fund in the Department of Corrections. The need for this new fund results from the statutory requirement for the Department of Corrections to use the fund for proceeds of vending machines or other such services not intended for use by inmates.

This bill affects section 945.215 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 945.215, F.S., refers to the Employee Benefit Trust Fund. This fund was not recreated by the Legislature subsequent to the 1992 constitutional amendment (s. 19(f), Art. III, State Constitution) that limited trust funds to a 4-year lifespan. Thus, the fund arguably does not currently exist.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates a new trust fund — the Employee Benefit Trust Fund — in the Department of Corrections for the purpose of constructing training and recreational facilities at correctional institutions for the use of employees. This fund shall be maintained and audited separately and apart from the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund. A separate bill (PCB CJ 98-47) makes other substantive changes related to the Employee Benefit Trust Fund.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.