

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: Family Courts Trust Fund

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Davoli	Smith	WM	favorable
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**I. Summary:**

This legislation recreates the Family Courts Trust Fund without modification. The Family Courts Trust Fund is administered by the State Courts System.

This bill substantially amends sections 25.388(1)(b) and 741.01(4) of the Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 25.388(1)(b), F.S., provides that the Office of the State Courts Administrator shall adopt a comprehensive plan for the operation of the fund. The plan shall provide for the general administration of the family courts divisions, including guardian ad litem programs, mediation programs, legal support, training, automation, and other related costs incurred in relation to family law cases.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

This bill recreates the trust fund without modification.

**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.