

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: Mediation/Arbitration Trust Fund

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

The legislation recreates the Mediation/Arbitration Trust Fund without modification. The Mediation/Arbitration Trust Fund is administered by the State Courts System.

This bill substantially amends sections 44.106 and 44.108 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The receipts of the Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund are expended for establishing minimum standards and procedures for qualifications, certification, professional conduct, discipline, and training for mediators and arbitrators. The 1998-1999 fiscal year appropriation is \$1,527,604.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill recreates the trust funds 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.