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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION BILL RESEARCH**

BILL #: HB 4575 (PCB CJ 98-03)

RELATING TO: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Criminal Justice Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund without modification. The Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund is administered by The Department of Corrections.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 943.25, F.S. creates trust fund and provides for its purpose

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The Criminal Justice Training Trust Fund was created to provide for Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (Commission) approved criminal justice advanced and specialized training and criminal justice training school enhancements. The trust fund also partially finances the Department of Law Enforcement, Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training which supports and assists the Commission in the execution, administration, implementation, and evaluation of the Commission's activities.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The trust fund's revenues are basically from two sources. The first source is the court fee of three dollars that is assessed to every person convicted for violation of a state penal or a criminal justice statute (s. 943.25(3)). All costs collected by the courts are remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Additional Court Cost Clearing Trust Fund and are earmarked to the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) and the Department of Community Affairs as follows: two dollars

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of every three dollars are deposited in the Criminal Justice Training Trust Fund (DLE), 75 cents is deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund (DLE), and the remaining 25 cents is deposited into the Trust Fund for Grant Matching of the Department of Community Affairs. The second source is five and one-tenth percent of all civil penalties received by county courts (s. 318.21(c)) is deposited in the Additional Court Cost Clearing Trust Fund of which 67 percent is deposited into the Criminal Justice Training Trust fund, 25 percent deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund, and 8 percent is deposited into the Trust Fund for Grant Matching. Any unencumbered funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year are deposited, for redistribution, in the Additional Court Cost Clearing Trust Fund.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

N/A

III. FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. SIGNATURES:

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