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

**BILL #:** HB 4595  
**RELATING TO:** State Attorney's Forfeiture and Investigative Support Trust Fund  
**SPONSOR(S):** Criminal Justice Appropriations  
**COMPANION BILL(S):**

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

- (1) Criminal Justice Appropriations YEAS 7 NAYS 0
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I. FINAL ACTION STATUS:

HB 4595 passed the House on April 23, 1998; in the Senate was substituted for SB 2430 and passed on May 1, 1998. Became law without Governor's signature on May 30, 1998. Chapter Law 98-354.

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the State Attorney's Forfeiture and Investigative Trust Fund without modification. The State Attorney's Forfeiture and Investigative Trust Fund is administered by the Justice Administration Commission.

III. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 27.3451, F.S., creates the trust fund

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

The Legislature hereby re-creates the Forfeiture and Investigative Trust Fund which will appropriate \$487,946. These funds will be divided proportionally to all State Attorney's Offices under the Justice Administration Commission.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Revenues received by a State Attorney as a result of forfeiture proceedings, shall be deposited in the Forfeiture and Investigative Trust Fund for the investigation of crime, prosecution of criminals, or other law enforcement purposes.

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**B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:**

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

**C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:**

N/A

**IV. 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.

**V. COMMENTS:**

N/A

**VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:**

N/A

**VII. SIGNATURES:**

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