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

BILL #: HB 4599

RELATING TO: Indigent Criminal Defense 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 4599 passed the House on April 23, 1998; in the Senate was substituted for SB 2508 and passed on May 1, 1998. Became law without Governor's signature on May 30, 1998. Chapter Law 98-356.

II. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

This legislation re-creates the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund without modification. The Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund is administered by the Justice Administration Commission.

III. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

- A. PRESENT SITUATION:
 - 1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 27.52, F.S. creates the trust fund

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

The Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund will be administered by the Justice Administration Commission, and appropriated proportionally to the amounts collected by each circuit court. The Legislature for fiscal year 1998-1999 hereby appropriates \$268,758.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Provides for a revenue source from \$40 fees collected in conjunction with determinations of indigency.

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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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