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

**BILL #:** HB 4615  
**RELATING TO:** 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 4615 passed the House on April 23, 1998; in the Senate was substituted for SB 2446 and passed on May 1, 1998. Became law without Governor's signature on May 30, 1998. Chapter Law 98-364.

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Forfeiture and Investigative Support Trust Fund without modification. The Forfeiture and Investigative Support Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Law Enforcement.

III. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 943.362, F.S., creates the trust fund  
Section 932.7055, F.S., provides revenues from forfeited property seized by the department.

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

As provided in 943.362(2) moneys in the Forfeiture and Investigative Support Trust Fund are appropriated by the Legislature for purposes deemed appropriate by the Legislature. The trust fund has provided funds for protracted investigation expenses, overtime pay for sworn agents, specialized equipment, computers, additional motor vehicles, and as state matching funds for federal grants. The total appropriations for 1998-1999 is \$9,733,144.

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3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The main source of revenue for the Forfeiture and Investigative Support Trust Fund is money deposited from forfeiture proceedings initiated by the department. Fines and forfeitures and investment earnings are indeterminate for the upcoming fiscal year.

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

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VII. SIGNATURES:

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