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

**BILL #:** HB 4627 (PCB CJ 98-29)

**RELATING TO:** Crimes Compensation 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 Crimes Compensation Trust Fund without modification. The Crimes Compensation Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Legal Affairs.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 960.21, F.S., creates trust fund and provides its purpose.

Section 960.20, F.S., provides for assessment, collection, and deposit of the fee.

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

The receipts of the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund are expended for operating costs incurred by the department in executing the "Florida Crimes Compensation Act," service to victims suffering property loss, service to victims of sexual assault, and victim service programs provided at the appellate and trial court levels. The 1998-1999 fiscal year appropriation is \$44,070,488.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is a \$50 fee assessable on a person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for, any felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic offense, or violation of any municipal or county ordinance which adopts by reference any misdemeanor under state law, and any person whose adjudication is withheld pursuant to s. 318.14(10), F.S. Federal grants are also a source of revenue.

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**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: CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS**

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