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

BILL #: HB 4633
RELATING TO: Legal Services 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 4633 passed the House on April 23, 1998; in the Senate was substituted for SB 2398 and passed on May 1, 1998. Became law without Governor's signature on May 30, 1998. Chapter Law 98-373.

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Legal Services Trust Fund without modification. The Legal Services Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Legal Affairs.

III. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 16.535, F.S., provides for creation and purposes of the trust fund.

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

The receipts of the Legal Services Trust Fund are expended for legal services provided to state agencies contracting with the Attorney General. The 1998-1999 fiscal year appropriation is \$11,844,120.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is state agency payments for contracted legal services.

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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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