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

BILL #: HB 4635 (PCB CJ 98-33)

RELATING TO: Legal Affairs Revolving 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 Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund without modification. The Legal Affairs Revolving 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 16.53, F.S., provides for creation and purposes of trust fund.

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

The receipts of the Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund are expended for the investigation, prosecution, and enforcement of the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupted Organizations Act, the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, and state or federal antitrust laws. The 1998-1999 fiscal year appropriation is $5,029,381.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is fines, fees, forfeitures, or other judgments against defendants being prosecuted for these types of cases.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

    C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

       N/A

III. <u>FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT</u>:

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. <u>COMMENTS</u>:

     N/A

V. <u>AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES</u>:

     N/A

VI. <u>SIGNATURES</u>:

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