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

BILL #: HB 4641 (PCB CJ 98-36)

RELATING TO: Legal Affairs Revolving Escrow 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. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Legal Affairs Revolving Escrow Trust Fund without modification. The Legal Affairs Revolving Escrow 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 944.512, F.S., provides for the purposes of the trust fund.

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

The receipts of the Revolving Escrow Trust Fund are derived from judgments brought in proceedings related to state or federal antitrust law or the Florida RICO Act and are held in the account pending a final court decision or final distribution order. The funds are then distributed as ordered or as provided in statute. Funds are not appropriated from this trust fund.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary sources of revenue for the Revolving Escrow Trust Fund are fines, fees, forfeitures, or other judgments against defendants being prosecuted for these types of cases.

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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:

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