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

**BILL #:** HB 4645 (PCB CJ 98-38)

**RELATING TO:** Court Education 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 Court Education Trust Fund without modification. The Court Education Trust Fund is administered by the State Courts System.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 25.384, F.S., creates the trust fund and provides for uses.

Section 28.241, F.S., provides an additional \$2.50 charge for each civil action brought in a circuit or county court which is deposited into the trust fund.

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

The receipts of the Court Education Trust Fund are expended for judicial educational programs for judges, the State Courts Administrator and his staff, trial court administrators, appellate court law clerks, and clerks of court. The 1998-1999 fiscal year appropriation is \$1,893,366.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for the Court Education Trust Fund is from a \$2.50 charge on circuit and county civil actions collected by the clerks of the court and transferred to the Supreme Court.

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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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