HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FINAL TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1277

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Anti-Fraud Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Committee on General Government Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. FINAL ACTION STATUS:

HB 1277 passed the House on March 9, 1999, and passed the Senate on March 16, 1999. The bill was approved by the Governor and became law April 6, 1999 (Chapter 99-74, Laws of Florida).

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Anti-Fraud Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Anti-Fraud Trust Fund, FLAIR #44-2-038, is administered by the Department of Banking and Finance. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-70, Laws of Florida.

III. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

- A. PRESENT SITUATION:
 - 1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 517.302, F.S., creates the trust fund and provides a revenue source. Sections 517.075, 517.1203, and 517.221, F.S., provide revenue sources for the trust fund.

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

The fund provides for the investigation and prosecution of administrative, civil, and criminal actions under the Securities and Investor Protection Act. Funds may also be used to improve the public's awareness and understanding of prudent investing.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major source of revenue for the fund is assessed fines. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$1.2 million.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

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IV. FISCAL ANALYSIS & 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:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. <u>SIGNATURES</u>:

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