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

BILL #: HB 1339
RELATING TO: Re-creating the Water Quality Assurance 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 1339 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 99-102, Laws of Florida).

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-780, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-49, Laws of Florida.

III. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 376.307, F.S. creates and specifies the purposes for the trust fund. Sections 206.9935, 376.308, 376.309, and 403.860, F.S., provide revenue sources and deposit instructions for the fund.

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

This fund is to serve as a broad-based fund for use in responding to incidents of contamination that pose a serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare of Florida. Such duties of the fund include monitoring, maintenance, cleanup, and restoration of contamination sites.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Major sources of revenue for the fund include an excise tax on pollutants, battery taxes, dry cleaning fees and taxes, and permits and fees. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$76.8 million.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

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. SIGNATURES:

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