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CS/HB 303

By the Committee on Community Affairs and Representatives Turnbull, Gay, Dockery, Goodlette, Wiles, Harrington, Henriquez, Argenziano, Posey, Effman, Hart, Heyman, Roberts, Cosgrove, Russell, Kelly, Sorensen, Diaz de la Portilla, (Additional Sponsors on Last Printed Page)

A bill to be entitled 1 An act relating to trust funds; creating the 2 3 Florida World War II Veterans Memorial Matching 4 Trust Fund within the Department of Veterans' 5 Affairs; providing for sources of moneys and purposes; providing for future review and 6 7 termination or re-creation of the trust fund; 8 providing a contingent effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. The Florida World War II Veterans Memorial 13 Matching Trust Fund is hereby created, to be administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Funds shall be credited 14 15 to the trust fund as provided in HB 305 or similar 16 legislation, to be used for the purposes set forth therein. 17 Section 2. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18 19(f)(2), Article III of the State Constitution, the Florida 19 World War II Veterans Memorial Matching Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2003. 20 (2) Prior to the regular legislative session 21 immediately preceding the date on which the trust fund is 22 23 scheduled to be terminated, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Governor shall recommend to the President of 24 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 25 26 whether the trust fund should be allowed to terminate or should be re-created. These recommendations shall be based on 27 a review of the purpose and use of the trust fund and a 28 determination of whether the trust fund will continue to be 29 necessary. A recommendation to re-create the trust fund may 30 include suggested modifications to the purposes, sources of 31 1

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receipts, and allowable expenditures for the trust fund. The 1 2 department's recommendation shall be made as a part of its 3 legislative budget request to the Legislature pursuant to section 216.023, Florida Statutes. The Governor's 4 5 recommendation shall be made as a part of the recommended 6 budget presented to the Legislature pursuant to section 7 216.162, Florida Statutes. 8 (3) If the trust fund is terminated, the Department of 9 Veterans' Affairs shall pay any outstanding debts or obligations of the trust fund as soon as practicable and the 10 11 Comptroller shall close out and remove the trust fund from the 12 various state accounting systems, using generally accepted 13 accounting practices concerning warrants outstanding, assets, 14 and liabilities. 15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, if 16 HB 305 or similar legislation is adopted in the same 17 legislative session or an extension thereof. 18 19 20 21 22 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS 23 Murman, Albright, Levine, Ritchie, Stansel, Goode, Melvin, 24 Pruitt, Waters, Fasano, Wasserman Schultz, K. Smith, Minton, 25 Trovillion, Lynn, Bilirakis and Casey 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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