HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1237 (PCB HHS 00-09)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Refugee Assistance Trust Fund in the Agency for Health Care Administration

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:
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I. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

This legislation re-creates the Refuge Assistance Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Refuge Assistance Trust Fund, FLAIR #68-2-579, is administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 96-418, Laws of Florida.

II. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS</u>:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

No reference in statutes.

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

The fund tracks receipts and expenditures of federal refugee grant funds used to cover the cost of Medicaid expenditures for these recipients.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are grant receipts from the federal Refugee Assistance Program. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1998-99 were $7,419,373.48

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III.   <u>FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT</u>:

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.   <u>COMMENTS</u>:

None.

V.   <u>AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES</u>:

None.

VI.   <u>SIGNATURES</u>:

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