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

BILL #: HB 1261 (PCB HHS 00-21)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Refugee Assistance Trust Fund in the Department of Children

and Family Services

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

TIED BILL(S):

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

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Refugee Assistance Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Refugee Assistance Trust Fund, FLAIR #60-2-579, is administered by the Department of Children and Family Services. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 96-418, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

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 Assistance grant funds that provide financial payments to refugees and other non-citizens.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are Refugee Assistance federal grants. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1998-99 were \$13,690,507.83.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

| III. | FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT: |
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| | 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: |
| | None. |
| V. | AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES: |
| | None. |
| VI. | SIGNATURES: |
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