

By Representative Farkas

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; creating the  
3           Digital Media Education Infrastructure Fund  
4           within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
5           Economic Development in the Executive Office of  
6           the Governor for the purpose of upgrading  
7           quality of media labs; providing an  
8           appropriation; providing requirements for  
9           contracting and use of funds; providing for  
10          sources of moneys and purposes; providing for  
11          future review and termination or re-creation of  
12          the fund; providing a contingent effective  
13          date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. There is created in the Office of Tourism,  
18 Trade, and Economic Development in the Executive Office of the  
19 Governor a Digital Media Education Infrastructure Fund for the  
20 purpose of upgrading the quality of media labs associated with  
21 university programs, community college programs, and other  
22 educational resources in order to assist in meeting current  
23 and future workforce training needs for the digital media  
24 industry. There is appropriated to the fund from the General  
25 Revenue Fund \$1 million for fiscal year 2000-2001, to be used  
26 for those purposes. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
27 Economic Development shall be responsible for contracting with  
28 eligible entities for receipt of funds. Such funds shall be  
29 spent according to the priorities established by the industry  
30 sector group on broadband digital media established by

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1 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and must be matched by industry  
2 contributions.

3       Section 2. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of s.  
4 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Digital  
5 Media Education Infrastructure Fund shall, unless terminated  
6 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2004.

7       (2) Prior to the regular legislative session  
8 immediately preceding the date on which the fund is scheduled  
9 to be terminated, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
10 Development and the Governor shall recommend to the President  
11 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
12 whether the fund should be allowed to terminate or should be  
13 re-created. These recommendations shall be based on a review  
14 of the purpose and use of the fund and a determination of  
15 whether the fund will continue to be necessary. A  
16 recommendation to re-create the fund may include suggested  
17 modifications to the purposes, sources of receipts, and  
18 allowable expenditures for the fund. The Office of Tourism,  
19 Trade, and Economic Development's recommendation shall be made  
20 as a part of its legislative budget request to the Legislature  
21 pursuant to s. 216.023, Florida Statutes. The Governor's  
22 recommendation shall be made as a part of the recommended  
23 budget presented to the Legislature pursuant to s. 216.162,  
24 Florida Statutes.

25       (3) If the fund is terminated, the Office of Tourism,  
26 Trade, and Economic Development shall pay any outstanding  
27 debts or obligations of the fund as soon as practicable and  
28 the Comptroller shall close out and remove the fund from the  
29 various state accounting systems, using generally accepted  
30 accounting practices concerning warrants outstanding, assets,  
31 and liabilities.

1           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, if  
2 HB .... or similar legislation is adopted in the same  
3 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

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6           HOUSE SUMMARY

7           Creates the Digital Media Education Infrastructure Fund  
8           within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
9           Development in the Executive Office of the Governor, and  
10          provides for its sources of moneys and purposes.  
11          Provides for future review and termination or re-creation  
12          of the fund.

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