

By Representative Jennings

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; creating the  
3           Digital Divide Trust Fund within the Executive  
4           Office of the Governor; providing for sources  
5           of moneys and purposes; providing for future  
6           review and termination or re-creation of the  
7           trust fund; providing a contingent effective  
8           date.

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

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12           Section 1. The Digital Divide Trust Fund is hereby  
13 created, to be administered by the Office of Information  
14 Technology within the Executive Office of the Governor. Funds  
15 shall be credited to the trust fund as provided in HB .... or  
16 similar legislation, to be used for the purposes set forth  
17 therein.

18           Section 2. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Section  
19 19(f)(2), Article III of the State Constitution, the Digital  
20 Divide Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be  
21 terminated on July 1, 2005.

22           (2) Prior to the regular legislative session  
23 immediately preceding the date on which the trust fund is  
24 scheduled to be terminated, the Governor shall recommend to  
25 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
26 Representatives whether the trust fund should be allowed to  
27 terminate or should be re-created. These recommendations  
28 shall be based on a review of the purpose and use of the trust  
29 fund and a determination of whether the trust fund will  
30 continue to be necessary. A recommendation to re-create the  
31 trust fund may include suggested modifications to the

1 purposes, sources of receipts, and allowable expenditures for  
2 the trust fund. The Governor's recommendation shall be made as  
3 a part of the recommended budget presented to the Legislature  
4 pursuant to section 216.162, Florida Statutes.

5 (3) If the trust fund is terminated, the Executive  
6 Office of the Governor shall pay any outstanding debts or  
7 obligations of the trust fund as soon as practicable and the  
8 Comptroller shall close out and remove the trust fund from the  
9 various state accounting systems, using generally accepted  
10 accounting practices concerning warrants outstanding, assets,  
11 and liabilities.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, if  
13 HB .... or similar legislation is adopted in the same  
14 legislative session or an extension thereof.

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17 HOUSE SUMMARY

18 Creates the Digital Divide Trust Fund within the  
19 Executive Office of the Governor, and provides for its  
20 sources of moneys and purposes. Provides for future  
21 review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund.

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