

By the Committee on Information Technology and
 Representatives Jennings, Joyner, Paul, Brutus, Jordan,
 Gannon, Harrell, Mack and Ausley

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

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

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 13 Section 1. (1) The Digital Divide Trust Fund is
 14 created in the State Technology Office for the purpose of
 15 receiving and disbursing funds required to pay part or all of
 16 the costs of facilitating design and implementation of one or
 17 more programs using information technology to educate and
 18 train members of economically disadvantaged families to become
 19 qualified to compete effectively for high-skill, high-wage
 20 employment opportunities in the information technology
 21 industry in this state. The trust fund shall be administered
 22 by the Digital Divide Council in the State Technology Office.

23 (2) There is hereby transferred \$3 million of
 24 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds in the Employment
 25 Security Administration Trust Fund within the Agency for
 26 Workforce Innovation to the Digital Divide Trust Fund. The
 27 Digital Divide Trust Fund may also receive additional funding
 28 lawfully made from other sources, including, but not limited
 29 to, other and further appropriations from the state and gifts,
 30 donations, and matching contributions from other public
 31 agencies and private persons and entities.

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

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

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

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1 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, if
2 HB 1045 or similar legislation is adopted in the same
3 legislative session or an extension thereof.
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