

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1142

SPONSOR: Senator Constantine

SUBJECT: Emergency Telephone System

DATE: March 11, 2001

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Wilson	Wilson	GO	Favorable
2.			CA	
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I. Summary:

This bill transfers control over the Florida Emergency Telephone Act and the Wireless Emergency Communications Act from the Department of Management Services to the Office of State Technology.

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: ss. 365.171, 365.172, 365.173, and 365.174.

II. Present Situation:

The 2000 Legislature amended the organizational structure of the Department of Management Services to transform its internal Technology Program into a separate state technology office. That office was given semi-autonomous status with its director appointed by the Governor. Since its creation it has endeavored to assimilate the separate technology operations of the 14 agencies reporting solely to the Governor. Agency heads have entered into contractual agreements in which their technology operations are subject to review by this new office although their positions and funding remain within their budget authority.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill substitutes the term "office" or "director" in place of "department" or "secretary," as the context indicates, to reflect the transfer of authority from the Department of Management Services to the State Technology Office. The bill affects the nominal authority for the operation of the land-line and wireless "911" emergency telephone number specified in ch. 365, F.S.

The bill also transfers investment of revenues derived from the emergency “911” fee from an interest bearing account held by the Department of Management Services to the State Treasurer pursuant to s. 18.125, F.S.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

The bill transfers investment management over an existing trust account from one agency to another.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

The bill provides for a nomenclature change in s. 365.174, F.S., as it relates to proprietary confidential business information. It neither creates a new exemption nor expands an existing one in such a manner as to be affected by Art. I, s. 24, State Constitution.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill transfers control over an interest-bearing account from the Department of Management Services to the State Treasurer. Sections 18.10 and 18.125, F.S., gives the State Treasurer the authority to invest state agency funds in a variety of financial instruments for various time periods. An annual assessment of .12 percent of all funds is imposed. That assessment rises to .2 percent for funds maintained in a separate account. Assessment proceeds are deposited in the Treasurer’s Administrative and Investment Trust Fund. There is no practical change effected by the bill as the State Treasurer currently administers the some \$13 million in funds on behalf of the department.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
