By the Committee on Information Technology and Representatives Hart, Mack, Mealor, Jennings, Harrell, Green, Wallace and Fiorentino

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; amending s. 282.1095, F.S.; creating the Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund within the State Technology Office; providing sources of moneys; providing purposes and requirements; providing for transfer of funds from the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund to the Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has established a policy of fiscal accountability that encourages distinct and straightforward accounting of all funds received and expended by or for state agencies to support performance of authorized activities, and

WHEREAS, this policy is best served by creating separate accounts for recording the receipt of all funds collected for a particular purpose and for recording the disposition made of those funds, and by assigning authority and responsibility for administering each such account to the state agency assigned authority and responsibility to administer performance of the activities for which such funds are collected and designated to support, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has assigned authority and responsibility to the State Technology Office to design, engineer, acquire, and implement the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System, and to provide technical support for

 the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund and provided several means to generate revenues for deposit in the trust fund to provide the source of funds needed to cover the costs the State Technology Office incurs in carrying out the authority and responsibility to design, engineer, acquire, and implement the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System, and to provide technical support for the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications, and

WHEREAS, greater accountability of the State Technology Office will be facilitated by establishing and providing the means to fund a separate trust account for the purpose of receiving and disposing of revenues generated for the purpose of covering the operating costs the State Technology Office incurs in designing, engineering, acquiring, and implementing the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System, and providing technical support for the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of section 282.1095, Florida Statutes, to read:

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282.1095 State agency law enforcement radio system.-- (2)

(h)1. The Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund is created within the State Technology Office for the purpose of receiving and disposing of revenues generated to cover the operating costs incurred by the office in designing,

engineering, acquiring, and implementing the State Agency Law
Enforcement Radio System and providing technical support for
the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement
Communications. The Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund
within the State Technology Office shall be funded by:

- a. Transfer from the State Agency Law Enforcement

 Radio System Trust Fund, FLAIR number 72-2-432, to the Law

 Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund, effective July 1,

 2001, of all funds then in the State Agency Law Enforcement

 Radio System Trust Fund, FLAIR number 72-2-432, that were not expended or obligated during fiscal year 2000-2001;
- b. Deposit of all moneys payable to the office on and after July 1, 2001, for rent, lease, sublease, revenue sharing, or sale of any right, title, or interest in any land, airspace, facility, building, or other structure the office holds or acquires in the course of designing, engineering, implementing, operating, or maintaining the system; and
- c. Rent, lease, sublease, revenue sharing, or sale of any right, title, or interest in any tangible or intangible personal property the office holds or acquires in the course of designing, engineering, implementing, operating, or maintaining the system.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.
- 3. Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund within the State Technology Office shall terminate effective June 30, 2005, unless sooner terminated or extended

by subsequent legislative action that takes effect before that date. Prior to its scheduled termination, the Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund within the State Technology Office shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2). Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001. ********** HOUSE SUMMARY Creates the Law Enforcement Radio Operating Trust Fund within the State Technology Office. Provides sources of moneys, purposes, and requirements of the trust fund. Provides duties of the department. Provides for annual carryforward of funds. Provides for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund.