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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH REGULATION
TRUST FUND CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1347
RELATING TO: Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Representative Green
TIED BILL(S): HB 1345

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) HEALTH REGULATION YEAS 6 NAYS 0
 - (2) FISCAL POLICY & RESOURCES
 - (3) COUNCIL FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
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I. SUMMARY:

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This legislation creates the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund. The Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund will be administered by the Department of Health.

Funds collected from nurses at initial licensure and licensure renewal shall be deposited into this trust fund, along with funds from grants, donations, federal funds, and other sources specified by law. Moneys deposited in this trust fund shall be used solely to fund the Florida Center for Nursing as set forth in HB 1345.

On February 12, 2002, the Committee on Health Regulation adopted one amendment which is traveling with the bill. The amendment exempts this trust fund from the General Revenue services charges set forth in s. 215.20, F.S.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

The Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund is established by this bill.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The moneys in this fund shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the goals and functions of the Florida Center for Nursing.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

All Florida nurses will pay \$5 at the time of initial licensure and licensure renewal which will be deposited into this fund.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Department of Health will collect \$5 from each nurse at the time of licensure and every 2 years thereafter. According to the Department of Health, there are approximately 230,000 nurses licensed in Florida. Thus, this bill should generate revenue of approximately \$1.15 million every 2 years.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

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VI. SIGNATURES:

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