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

BILL #: HB 1347 (**Passed as CS/SB 1806**)

RELATING TO: Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Representative Green

TIED BILL(S): HB 1345 (Passed as CS/SB 1808)

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

- (1) HEALTH REGULATION YEAS 6 NAYS 0
 - (2) FISCAL POLICY & RESOURCES (W/D)
 - (3) COUNCIL FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (W/D)
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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 CS/SB 1808.

On February 12, 2002, the Committee on Health Regulation adopted one amendment to the original bill. The amendment exempted 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 be asked to voluntarily contribute to the operation of the Florida Center for Nursing at the time of initial licensure and licensure renewal. Those funds will be deposited into the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund and exempts this trust fund from the General Revenue services charges set forth in s. 215.20, F.S.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Board of Nursing within the Department of Health will include on its initial and renewal application forms a question asking the nurse to voluntarily contribute to funding the Florida Center for Nursing. According to the Department of Health, there are approximately 230,000 nurses licensed in Florida. It is impossible to estimate how many will voluntarily contribute to the fund. The sponsor of the bill indicated that the annual cost to operate the center is estimated to be approximately \$500,000.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

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VI. SIGNATURES:

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