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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; creating the Digital Divide Trust Fund in the State Technology Office; providing for sources of moneys and purposes; providing for administration of the fund; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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

(2) The Digital Divide Trust Fund may receive funding lawfully made from other sources, including, but not limited to, appropriations from the state and gifts, donations, and matching contributions from other public agencies and private persons and entities.

Section 2. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(f)(2), Article III of the State Constitution, the Digital Divide Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated July 1, 2006.

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

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

26           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the Digital Divide Trust Fund within the State  
Technology Office, and provides for its sources of moneys  
and purposes. Provides for future review and termination  
or re-creation of the trust fund.