By the Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations and Representative  $\mbox{\it Ball}$ 

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Employee Benefit Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 945.21501(3), F.S., relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Employee Benefit Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund before its scheduled termination date and has found that it continues to meet an important public purpose, and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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Section 1. (1) The Employee Benefit Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections, no FLAIR number, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2002, is re-created.

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(2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund are continued.

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Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 945.21501, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* HOUSE SUMMARY Re-creates the Employee Benefit Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections.