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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; creating the  
3           Citizen Donation Trust Fund within the  
4           Executive Office of the Governor; requiring  
5           that the trust fund be used to receive  
6           donations from individuals who wish to support  
7           specific programs, activities, or functions of  
8           a state agency, school district, state college  
9           or university, or other political subdivision  
10          of the state; providing that the name of the  
11          donor and the designated purpose of the  
12          donation are public records; requiring that the  
13          Executive Office of the Governor publicize the  
14          existence of the trust fund; providing that  
15          donations to the trust fund may not replace any  
16          appropriation or other allocation of funds to a  
17          program or to a state or local governmental  
18          agency; requiring the Executive Office of the  
19          Governor to adopt rules for distributing moneys  
20          from the trust fund to the designated  
21          governmental agency; providing a contingent  
22          effective date.

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24           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that individuals and  
25          groups often believe that the legislative appropriations  
26          process results in a distribution of the state's resources in  
27          a manner that is inconsistent with the priorities of the  
28          individual or group, and

29           WHEREAS, such individuals and groups often express an  
30          interest in allocating additional resources to specific  
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1 activities, programs, school districts, or state and local  
2 governmental entities that receive state funds, and

3 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide  
4 a means by which such individuals and groups may donate moneys  
5 in support of those activities, programs, school districts, or  
6 state and local governmental entities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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10 Section 1. The Citizen Donation Trust Fund.--

11 (1) There is created within the Executive Office of  
12 the Governor the Citizen Donation Trust Fund. The purpose of  
13 the trust fund is to receive donations from individuals who  
14 wish to donate moneys in support of a specific program,  
15 activity, or function of a state or local governmental agency,  
16 including a school district, state college or university, or  
17 any other political subdivision of the state. Each donation to  
18 the trust fund is a public record and information concerning  
19 the name of the donor and the designated purpose, activity,  
20 program, or agency shall be available upon request.

21 (2)(a) The Executive Office of the Governor shall  
22 conduct a public-information campaign to publicize the  
23 existence and purpose of the trust fund and to provide  
24 information to individuals who wish to make a financial  
25 donation in support of a state program or agency.

26 (b) Any individual who remits moneys to the trust fund  
27 shall specify the purpose, activity, program, or agency to  
28 which the donation is designated, and the Executive Office of  
29 the Governor shall forward the donation to the appropriate  
30 state or local governmental agency.

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