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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
HOUSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 625
RELATING TO: Digital Divide Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Representative Jennings
TIED BILL(S): None

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

- (1) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - (2) FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL
 - (3) READY INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill would create the Digital Divide Trust Fund in the State Technology Office for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds to pay part or all the cost of facilitating design and implementation of one or more programs that use information technology to educate and train members of economically disadvantaged families to become qualified to compete for high-skill, high-wage employment opportunities in the information technology industry in Florida. The bill would authorize the Digital Divide Council to administer the Trust Fund. The bill would provide means for the Trust Fund to be funded. The bill would provide for the Trust Fund to be terminated by 7/1/06 if not earlier re-created by law, and if terminated, would provide for the State Technology Office to pay any outstanding debts or obligations of the Trust Fund and for the Comptroller to close out and remove the Trust Fund from the state accounting systems.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

s. 215.3207, F. S.; Art. III, s. 19, Florida Constitution.

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

Receive and disburse appropriated public funds, public and private gifts and donations, and matching private funds to pay part or all of costs of designing and implementing one or more programs that use information technology to educate and train members of economically disadvantaged families to become qualified to compete for high-skill, high-wage employment opportunities in the information technology industry in Florida.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Appropriated public funds; public and private gifts and donations; and matching private funds.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

N/A

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A fiscal analysis of this bill has not yet been made and its economic impact is not yet known.

IV. COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. SIGNATURES:

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