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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to trust funds; creating the Child  
3 Advocacy Trust Fund within the Department of Children and  
4 Family Services; providing for sources of funds and  
5 purposes; providing for an annual carryforward of funds;  
6 providing for future legislative review and termination or  
7 re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent  
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Child Advocacy Trust Fund.--

13 (1) The Child Advocacy Trust Fund is created within the  
14 Department of Children and Family Services. The purpose of the  
15 trust fund is to receive funds pursuant to s. 938.10, Florida  
16 Statutes, which shall be disbursed in equal amounts to child  
17 advocacy centers that are members of the Florida Network of  
18 Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., as established under s.  
19 39.3035, Florida Statutes.

20 (2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, Florida Statutes, and  
21 pursuant to s. 216.351, Florida Statutes, any balance in the  
22 trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the  
23 trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for  
24 carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

25 (3) Pursuant to s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
26 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be  
27 terminated on July 1, 2007. Before its scheduled termination,  
28 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)  
29 and (2), Florida Statutes.



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30           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, if  
31 House Bill 1533 or similar legislation is adopted in the same  
32 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.