

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1737 Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Robaina
TIED BILLS: HB 859 **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Highway Safety (Sub)	8 Y, 0 N	Garner	Miller
2) Transportation	18 Y, 0 N	Garner	Miller
3) Public Safety & Crime Prevention			
4) Finance & Tax			
5) Appropriations			

I. SUMMARY

HB 1737 creates the State Law Enforcement Officer Recruitment and Retention Trust Fund. Deposited into the new trust fund will be the proceeds of various DUI and driver's license-related fine and fee increases, and increases in certain court costs, as specified in HB 859. Notwithstanding s. 216.301, F.S., and pursuant to s. 216.351, F.S., any balance in the trust fund at the end of the year shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund. The trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2007, subject to review as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2), F.S.

HB 1737 will take effect only if HB 859, or similar legislation, becomes law in the 2003 session.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

The State Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Trust Fund is created by HB 1737, which creates s. 20.2101, F.S. In general, the trust fund is controlled by ch. 216, F.S., and by section 19, Article III of the Florida Constitution.

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

The funds credited to the trust fund are to be used for the purpose of recruiting and retaining law enforcement officers in Florida.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Revenue for the fund will be generated by the increased amount added to penalties, fines, and/or fees as provided in HB 859.

4. TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS INTO THE FUND AND CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FUND:

There are no current-year appropriations since this would be a newly created trust fund.

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B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

It is difficult to estimate the amount of receipts to be deposited into the trust fund, since that depends on the number of DUI offenses, proof of compliance violations, certain driver's licensing-related infractions, and applications for reinstatement of a driver's license that occur each year. However, DHSMV estimates that approximately \$47.2 million would be generated for deposit into the trust fund if the number of these violations and applications remained the same as those in 2002.

IV. COMMENTS

V. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES