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The Committee on Public Safety & Crime Prevention recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; creating the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund within the Department of Health; providing for the use of funds and the source of funds; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules for distributing moneys in the trust fund; providing for review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund.--

(1) The Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund is created within the Department of Health for the purpose of providing funds for rape crisis centers in this state. Trust fund moneys shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing services for victims of sexual assault. Funds credited to the trust fund consist of those funds collected as an additional court



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29 assessment in each case in which a defendant pleads guilty or
30 nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, regardless of
31 adjudication, a violation of s. 784.011, s. 784.021, s. 784.03,
32 s. 784.041, s. 784.045, s. 784.048, s. 784.07, s. 784.08, s.
33 784.081, s. 784.082, s. 784.083, s. 784.085, or s. 794.011,
34 Florida Statutes.

35 (2) The Department of Health shall establish by rule
36 criteria for distributing moneys from the trust fund to rape
37 crisis centers.

38 (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
39 Constitution, the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund shall be
40 terminated on July 1, 2007, unless terminated sooner. Before its
41 scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as
42 provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, if HB
44 _____ or similar legislation creating the Sexual Assault Victims'
45 Access to Services Act is adopted in the same legislative
46 session, or an extension thereof, and becomes law.