

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: H1843 Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Appropriations
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>32 Y, 5 N</u>	<u>Richardson</u>	<u>Hansen</u>
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

House Bill 1843 creates the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections, to be used for providing substance abuse treatment services to offenders. This trust fund is created for the exclusive purpose of tracking federal funds and supports provisions of the General Appropriations Act.

This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2003.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Department of Corrections provides community-based drug treatment and services that are eligible for federal substance abuse block grant funding. The Department of Children and Family Services has excess Substance Abuse Block Grant funds, which can be used for this purpose. Creation of a trust fund for this purpose within the Department of Corrections will allow the Department to best track expenditures to ensure federal compliance can be substantiated.

The bill creates the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Trust Fund in the Department of Corrections. The bill also provides that the purpose of the trust fund is to provide substance abuse treatment services to offenders.

The bill specifies that funds will be credited to the trust fund from federal substance abuse block grants. Notwithstanding the requirement in chapter 216, Florida Statutes, for the reversion of unexpended balances of appropriations, funds remaining in the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year, including interest earnings, may be retained in the trust fund in support of the fund's purposes.

The act takes effect on July 1, 2003. Consistent with the constitutional requirement, the bill specifies that the trust fund terminates on July 1, 2006, and that the trust fund is subject to review by the Legislature under section, 215.3206, Florida Statutes.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Establishes the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections.

Section 2: Establishes an effective date of July 1, 2003.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:
None.

2. Expenditures:
None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

None.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES