

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: H1845 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>37 Y, 1 N</u>	<u>Massengale</u>	<u>Hansen</u>
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

House Bill 1845 creates the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Health to support preventing substance abuse prevention and related activities. The 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 Health receives nonrecurring Tobacco Settlement Trust Funds and other federal grants to support tobacco use reduction programs. Based on a Tobacco Settlement Revenue estimating conference, the Tobacco funds will not be available in Fiscal Year 2003-04 to continue to support the tobacco use reduction programs. The Department of Children and Family Services has excess Substance Abuse Block Grant funds, which can be used for this purpose.

The bill creates the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Trust Fund in the Department of Health. The bill also provides that the Department of Health will administer the trust fund in support of preventing substance abuse and related activities. Creation of a trust fund for this purpose within the Department of Health will allow the Department to best track expenditures to ensure federal compliance can be substantiated.

With respect to the sources of funds to be deposited in the trust fund, the bill specifies that funds budgeted for welfare transition programs may be appropriated to the trust fund. 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, 2007, 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 Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Trust Fund within the Department of Health.

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