

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: H1847 Welfare Transition Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Appropriations
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Appropriations	36 Y, 0 N	Massengale	Hansen
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

House Bill 1847 creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Health to support welfare transition programs, transition services and support services. 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 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for the purpose of supporting welfare transition programs, transition services, support services and other services to help transition welfare families from welfare dependency to work.

Currently, TANF funds that support the welfare transition programs are appropriated to the Federal Grants Trust Fund. The trust fund's primary receipts are various federal health grants.

The bill creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund in the Department of Health. The bill also provides that the Department of Health will administer the trust fund in support of welfare transition programs, transitions services and support services. Creation of a trust fund for this purpose within the Department of Health will allow the Department to best tract 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 may be retained in the trust fund in support of the fund's purposes.

The act takes effect on July 1, 2003, if it is enacted by at least three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. 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 Welfare Transition 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