

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 772  
 SPONSOR: Senator Carlton  
 SUBJECT: Re-create - Sophomore Level Test Trust Fund  
 DATE: January 27, 2003      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Bryant</u>	<u>Newman</u>	<u>AED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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**I. Summary:**

This legislation re-creates the Sophomore Level Test Trust Fund, FLAIR number 482646, which is administered by the Department of Education. Re-creation is effective for four years beginning on November 4, 2004, the current termination date of the fund. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-26, Laws of Florida.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 1008.29, F.S. authorizes a college level communications and mathematics skills examination (CLAST) (Previously titled the Sophomore Level Test). Section 1010.79, F.S., restates the fund's creation and purpose.

Fees collected are used for contracts for the continued development, maintenance, and administration of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST). The State Board of Education is required to establish fees for the administration of the College Level Academic Skills Test to private postsecondary students and for the administration of the examination at times other than regularly schedules dates to accommodate examinees who are unable to be tested on those dates.

The major sources of revenue for the Sophomore Level Test Trust Fund are fees paid by private postsecondary students who take the exam and students taking the exam at times other than the regularly scheduled dates. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2001-2002 were \$97,331.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**D. Other Constitutional Issues:****V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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