

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the State Homeland Security Trust Fund; creating s. 288.833, F.S.; creating the State Homeland Security Trust Fund, to be administered by the Department of Emergency Management; providing for sources of funds and purposes; providing for review of requests for funding; providing for annual carry-forward of unused funds; 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. Section 288.833, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.833 State Homeland Security Trust Fund.--

(1) There is created the State Homeland Security Trust Fund, to be administered by the Department of Emergency Management. Funds shall be credited to the trust fund as provided in s. 288.857(4)(c), to be used to fund state homeland security with priorities for funding to focus on expenditures not funded by the Federal Government, such as operational costs of security at seaports and other venues. Requests for funding shall be reviewed by the Domestic Security Oversight Board, which shall provide recommended funding priorities.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the

1 end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the
2 purposes of the trust fund.

3 (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the
4 State Constitution, the State Homeland Security Trust Fund
5 shall be terminated on July 1, 2008, unless terminated
6 sooner. Before its scheduled termination, the trust fund
7 shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, if
9 Senate Bill 2614, or similar legislation creating the Florida
10 Commerce With Terrorist States Act, is adopted in the same
11 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

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13 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
15 Senate Bill 2620

16 Provides that the trust fund created by the bill must be
17 administered by the Department of Emergency Management.

18 Provides that funds transferred to the trust fund must be used
19 to fund state homeland security, with priority for funding
20 expenditures not funded by the federal government.

21 Provides that requests for funding must be reviewed by the
22 Domestic Security Oversight Board.
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