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1 The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the Child Advocacy Trust Fund; creating
7 the Child Advocacy Trust Fund within the Department of
8 Children and Family Services; providing for sources of
9 funds and purposes; requiring the development of an
10 allocation methodology for distributing funds deposited in
11 the trust fund; providing for funds to establish child
12 advocacy centers; providing for future legislative review
13 and termination or re-creation of the trust fund;
14 providing a contingent effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Child Advocacy Trust Fund.--

19 (1)(a) The Child Advocacy Trust Fund is created within the
20 Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of
21 receiving funds collected from the additional court cost imposed
22 in cases of certain crimes against minors under s. 938.10,
23 Florida Statutes. Funds shall be appropriated to the Department

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24 of Children and Family Services for the specific purpose of
 25 funding child advocacy centers. Funds shall be disbursed to the
 26 Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., as
 27 established under s. 39.3035, Florida Statutes, for the purpose
 28 of providing community-based services that augment, but that do
 29 not duplicate, services provided by state agencies.

30 (b) The Board of Directors of the Florida Network of
 31 Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., shall retain 10 percent of
 32 all revenues collected to be used to match local contributions,
 33 at a rate not to exceed an equal match, in communities
 34 establishing child advocacy centers. The board of directors may
 35 use up to 5 percent of the remaining funds to support the
 36 activities of the network office and must develop funding
 37 criteria and an allocation methodology that ensure an equitable
 38 distribution of remaining funds among network participants. The
 39 criteria and methodology must take into account factors that
 40 include, but need not be limited to, the center's accreditation
 41 status with respect to the National Children's Alliance, the
 42 number of clients served, and the population of the area being
 43 served by the child advocacy center.

44 (2) Pursuant to Section 19(f)(2), Article III of the State
 45 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
 46 terminated on July 1, 2008. Before its scheduled termination,
 47 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
 48 and (2), Florida Statutes.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, if
 50 House Bill 515 or similar legislation is adopted in the same
 51 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.