

By the Committee on Children and Families; and Senators Smith and Lynn

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to trust funds; creating the
 3 Child Advocacy Trust Fund within the Department
 4 of Children and Family Services; providing for
 5 sources of funds and purposes; specifying the
 6 use of collected funds; requiring the
 7 development of an allocation methodology for
 8 distributing funds deposited in the trust fund;
 9 providing for funds to establish children's
 10 advocacy centers; providing for future
 11 legislative review and termination or
 12 re-creation of the trust fund; providing a
 13 contingent effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Child Advocacy Trust Fund.--
 18 (1)(a) The Child Advocacy Trust Fund is created within
 19 the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose
 20 of receiving funds collected from the additional court cost
 21 imposed in cases of certain crimes against minors under
 22 section 938.10, Florida Statutes. Funds shall be appropriated
 23 to the Department of Children and Family Services for the
 24 specific purpose of funding children's advocacy centers. Funds
 25 shall be disbursed to the Florida Network of Children's
 26 Advocacy Centers, Inc., as established under section 39.3035,
 27 Florida Statutes, for the purpose of providing community-based
 28 services that augment, but that do not duplicate, services
 29 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

1 all revenues collected to be used to match local
2 contributions, at a rate not to exceed an equal match, in
3 communities establishing children's advocacy centers. The
4 board of directors may use up to 5 percent of the remaining
5 funds to support the activities of the network office and must
6 develop funding criteria and an allocation methodology that
7 ensures an equitable distribution of remaining funds among
8 network participants. The criteria and methodologies must take
9 into account factors that include, but need not be limited to,
10 the center's accreditation status with respect to the National
11 Children's Alliance, the number of clients served, and the
12 population of the area being served by the children's advocacy
13 center.

14 (2) Pursuant to Section 19(f)(2), Article III of the
15 State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated
16 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2008. Before its scheduled
17 termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in
18 section 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, if
20 Senate Bill 602 or similar legislation is adopted in the same
21 legislative session, or an extension thereof, and becomes law.

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23 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
24 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
25 Senate Bill 606

26 Directs the use of collected funds for establishing children's
27 advocacy centers at a rate not to exceed equal match to local
28 funding and authorizes up to five percent of the remaining
29 funds to be used to support the network office.
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