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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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