

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.)

Prepared By: Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee

BILL: SB 1404

SPONSOR: Senator Saunders

SUBJECT: Administrative Trust Fund

DATE: February 18, 2005

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Fabricant	Peters	HA	Favorable
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I. Summary:

SB 1404 creates the Administrative Trust Fund in the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, effective July 1, 2005. Funds that will be credited to the Administrative Trust Fund will consist of federal matching funds provided for the administration of Medicaid services. These funds will be used by the agency to administer Medicaid programs and other related purposes. All funds remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year will be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

This bill creates the following section of the Florida Statutes: 20.1971(1).

II. Present Situation:

In the 2004 legislative session HB 1823 removed the Developmental Disabilities Program from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and created the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to be administratively housed within DCF. The new agency was established as a separate budget entity not subject to the control, supervision, or the direction of DCF.

The agency has programmatic responsibility for the provision of all services for persons with developmental disabilities pursuant to Chapter 393, Florida Statutes. However, fiscal management of the home and community-based Medicaid waiver services is to be managed by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). APD administers the fiscal and programmatic management of the developmental disabilities institutions and those community-based services that are currently funded by general revenue.

While HB 1823 created the new agency there were no provisions made for trust funds for the agency. Within the past two years, the Developmental Disabilities program within DCF utilized five trust funds including the Administrative Trust Fund, Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund,

Federal Grants Trust Fund, Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, and the Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund. In order to transition funds and programmatic services smoothly from DCF to the new APD, the agency needs trust funds to manage appropriated funds.

Section 215.32, F.S., provides categories of trust funds to be utilized uniformly across all state agencies for specific purposes. The Administrative Trust Fund defined in section 215.32(2)(c), F.S., is designated for depository of funds that are to be used for “management activities that are departmental in nature.” The Administrative Trust Fund for APD will be used to administer Medicaid programs and other departmental programs.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The creation of this trust fund for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities will help support the smooth transition of funds and programmatic services from the Developmental Disabilities program within DCF to the new agency. It will also allow for the implementation of legislative appropriations and provide a mechanism to account for the moneys received by APD. This trust fund will be terminated in four years, on July 1, 2009, pursuant to section 19(f)(2), Article III, Florida Constitution, unless the fund is re-created prior to July 1, 2009.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

SB 1404, creating a new trust fund, must pass by a 3/5 vote of the membership of each house to become law pursuant to section 19(f)(1), Article III, Florida Constitution.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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