

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.)

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BILL: CS/SB 2348

SPONSOR: Justice Appropriations Committee and Senator Crist

SUBJECT: Operating Trust Fund / State Courts System

DATE: March 23, 2006

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I. Summary:

CS/SB 2348 creates the Operating Trust Fund within the state courts system effective July 1, 2006. The fund is established as a depository for funds to be used for supporting the programs and other appropriate purposes of the judicial branch. Funds that will be credited to the Operating Trust Fund include cost recovery for state-funded services in the circuit courts, Supreme Court filing fees, and district court filing fees.

This bill creates section 25.3844, F.S. This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 25.241(5), 25.383, 29.0195, 35.22(6).

II. Present Situation:

Currently, revenues received as cost recovery for state funded services in the circuit courts, Supreme Court filing fees, and district court filing fees are accounted for in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill adds a new trust fund allowing the state courts system to rearrange existing revenues and expenditures in compliance with 215.32, F.S, which requires agencies to use or create certain trust funds for specified purposes.

The bill amends sections 25.241(5), 25.383, 29.0195, and 35.22(6), Florida Statutes to change the fund in which certain fees are to be deposited from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to the newly created Operating Trust Fund in the state courts system.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

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.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
