

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Police Technology Trust Fund;
 3 creating s. 943.082, F.S.; creating the Police Technology
 4 Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement;
 5 providing for administration of the trust fund and use of
 6 moneys therein; requiring balances to remain in the trust
 7 fund; providing for future review and termination or re-
 8 creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent
 9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 943.082, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 943.082 Police Technology Trust Fund.--

16 (1) The Police Technology Trust Fund is created within the
 17 department. Funds credited to the trust fund shall consist of
 18 revenues collected from the fee imposed under s. 938.135. The
 19 trust fund shall be administered by the department and used to
 20 allocate funds to public county or municipal law enforcement
 21 agencies to purchase and maintain technology equipment to be
 22 used in their law enforcement activities. Equipment that may be
 23 purchased and maintained with grants under this section may
 24 include, but is not limited to, in-car cameras and personal
 25 digital recorders to record encounters with suspects. The fee
 26 collected for each offense shall be distributed only to the law
 27 enforcement agency responsible for the arrest for that offense.

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28 (2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
29 any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year
30 shall remain in the trust fund and be available for carrying out
31 the purposes of the trust fund.

32 (3) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of
33 the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated
34 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2012. Prior to its scheduled
35 termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s.
36 215.3206(1) and (2).

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008, if
38 House Bill 155 or similar legislation is adopted in the same
39 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.