

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee

BILL: SB 2114

INTRODUCER: Senator Peaden

SUBJECT: Welfare Transition Trust Fund/DCFS

DATE: March 12, 2008

REVISED: _____

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

This bill re-creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund, FLAIR number 60-2-401, within the Department of Children and Family Services without modification, effective July 1, 2008. Provides that current balances in the trust fund are carried forward and all current sources and uses of the fund are continued.

This bill amends s. 20.425, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution requires that every trust fund be created or re-created fund by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating that trust. The State Constitution also provides that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless re-created.

The Welfare Transition Trust Fund was created on July 1, 2004, by chapter 2004-364, Laws of Florida, in section 20.506, F.S. The trust fund will be terminated on July 1, 2008, unless it is re-created by the Legislature prior to the scheduled termination date.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Re-creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund, FLAIR number 60-2-401, within the Department of Children and Family Services without modifications; and provides that current

balances in the trust fund are carried forward and all current sources and uses of the fund are continued.

Section 2. Amends section 20.506, F.S., to delete obsolete language providing for termination of the Welfare Transition Trust Fund on July 1, 2008.

Section 3. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2008.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
