

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 Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee

BILL: SB 1084

INTRODUCER: Senator Crist

SUBJECT: Federal Grants Trust Fund/FDLE

DATE: February 4, 2009 REVISED: 02/19/09 _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Toms	Sadberry	JA	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill re-creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement without modification, and repeals the provisions that would have terminated the trust fund. This bill amends s. 943.366, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Currently, the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is scheduled to be terminated on July 1, 2010. Article III, Section 19(f) of the Florida Constitution requires the termination of all state trust funds within four years of their initial creation, unless exempt by the Constitution or operation of law. Funds credited to this trust fund consist of grants and funding from the federal government, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds. This trust fund was created for use as a depository for funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund consists of funds received from the Federal Government. Their moneys are used for affordable grant funds for law enforcement activities throughout the State of Florida. In Fiscal Year 2008-09, the Legislature appropriated \$68,840,673 for law enforcement activities at both the state and local level, which was the anticipated amount of receipts.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

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:

This bill has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

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.