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.)

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BILL:	SB 1092				
INTRODUCER:	Senator Crist				
SUBJECT:	Federal Grants Trust Fund/Parole Commission				
DATE:	February 3, 2009 REVISED:		02/19/09		
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I. Summary:

This bill re-creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Parole Commission without modification, and repeals the provisions that would have terminated the trust fund. This bill amends s. 947.045, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

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. The Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Parole Commission will terminate on July 1, 2009.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund was created to allow the Parole Commission to receive federal grants such as the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, and other grants awarded for specifically identified purposes. Although there have been no legislative appropriations from this trust fund, the Parole Commission anticipates future federal funding of VOCA grants and grants for re-entry programs for conditional releasees.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

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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 government 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.