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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Health and
Human Services Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Health; amending
s. 154.02, F.S.; authorizing an additional use for
funds from the County Health Department Trust Fund;
deleting a provision requiring certain increases in
the emergency reserve of the fund based on the
Consumer Price Index; repealing s. 216.2625, F.S.,
relating to the disbursement of trust funds within the
department and the funding of positions; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
154.02, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4),
(5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to
that section, and paragraph (b) of present subsection (5) of
that section is amended, to read:

154.02 County Health Department Trust Fund.—

(3) Funds from the County Health Department Trust Fund may
be expended by the Department of Health for the respective
county health departments in accordance with budgets and plans
agreed upon by the county authorities of each county and the
Department of Health.

(6)~~(5)~~ At a minimum, the trust fund shall consist of:

(b) An emergency reserve of \$500,000, derived from an
annual assessment on county health department funds based upon



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28 their proportionate share of state general revenue, maintained
29 for county health departments to respond to public health
30 emergencies such as epidemics and natural disasters. ~~The~~
31 ~~emergency reserve shall be increased each July 1 by the increase~~
32 ~~in the Consumer Price Index that occurred during the previous 12~~
33 ~~months.~~

34 Section 2. Section 216.2625, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.