

By the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations;
and Senator Peadar

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Health; amending
3 s. 154.02, F.S.; authorizing an additional use for
4 funds from the County Health Department Trust Fund;
5 deleting a provision requiring certain increases in
6 the emergency reserve of the fund based on the
7 Consumer Price Index; repealing s. 216.2625, F.S.,
8 relating to the disbursement of trust funds within the
9 department and the funding of positions; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Present subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
15 154.02, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4),
16 (5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to
17 that section, and paragraph (b) of present subsection (5) of
18 that section is amended, to read:

19 154.02 County Health Department Trust Fund.—

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

25 ~~(6)(5)~~ At a minimum, the trust fund shall consist of:

26 (b) An emergency reserve of \$500,000, derived from an
27 annual assessment on county health department funds based upon
28 their proportionate share of state general revenue, maintained
29 for county health departments to respond to public health

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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 Section 216.2625, Florida Statutes, is repealed.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.