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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Criminal and  
Civil Justice Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; creating the Public  
Defenders Independent Trust Fund within the Justice  
Administrative Commission; providing for the purpose  
of the trust fund; providing for future review and  
termination or re-creation of the trust fund;  
providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Public Defenders Independent Trust Fund.-

(1) The Public Defenders Independent Trust Fund is created  
within the Justice Administrative Commission. Moneys credited to  
the trust fund shall be used for the purpose of funding the  
activities of the public defenders.

(2) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
Constitution, the Public Defenders Independent Trust Fund shall,  
unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2012. Before  
its scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as  
provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date as  
SB 12-A or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
is enacted in the same legislative session, or an extension  
thereof, and becomes law, but this act shall not take effect  
unless it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of  
each house of the Legislature.