

By the Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations  
and Senator Crist

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; creating the Public  
3           Defenders Independent Trust Fund within the Justice  
4           Administrative Commission; providing for the purpose  
5           of the trust fund; providing for future review and  
6           termination or re-creation of the trust fund;  
7           providing a contingent effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Public Defenders Independent Trust Fund.-

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

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

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