

**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: SPB 7020

INTRODUCER: For consideration by the Budget Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SUBJECT: State Courts Revenue Trust Fund/State Courts System

DATE: January 31, 2011      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Hendon	Sadberry		<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

This bill re-creates the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund within the State Courts System without modification, and repeals the provisions that would have terminated the trust fund. This bill repeals s. 29.22(2), Florida Statutes. The bill would become effective July 1, 2011.

**II. Present Situation:**

Currently, the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund within the State Courts System is scheduled to be terminated on July 1, 2012. 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. Funds credited to this trust fund consist of court filing fees are used to support the operations of the state court system. For the current year, the legislature has appropriated \$370 million from this trust fund.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

**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 governments 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.