

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: SB 2154

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

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SPONSOR: Budget (Select Committee on
Government Reorganization and Rep. Legg)

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

COMPANION BILLS: HB 7249

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

SB 2154 passed the House on May 7, 2011. The bill was approved by the Governor on May 26, 2011, chapter 2011-65, Laws of Florida, and becomes effective July 1, 2011. The bill creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG). The need for this new trust fund is related to the government reorganization legislation, SB 2156, which among other provisions, transfers the Division of Emergency Management to the EOG.

This trust fund will be used for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources and will serve as a depository of grants and funding from the Federal Government, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund is terminated July 1, 2015, unless reenacted by the Legislature.

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I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Current Situation

The Division of Emergency Management, within the Department of Community Affairs, receives grant awards from a variety of federal grants administered by the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Department of Transportation and US Department of Commerce.

SB 2156, includes, among other provisions, the elimination the Department of Community Affairs and transfers the Division of Emergency Management to the EOG.

The EOG does not currently have a Federal Grants Trust Fund created within the department. Article III, section 19(f)(1), of the Florida Constitution, provides no trust fund of the state or other public body may be created without three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for that purpose only.

Proposed Changes

The bill creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor effective July 1, 2011, contingent on SB 2156, or similar legislation, becoming law.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund will be used to house the Division of Emergency Management's anticipated awards from federal agencies.

This trust fund will be used for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources and will serve as a depository of grants and funding from the Federal Government, interest earnings, and cash advances from other trust funds.

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II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.