

**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: SB 624

INTRODUCER: Senator Richter

SUBJECT: Household Pharmaceuticals Collection and Disposal Trust Fund/DEP

DATE: February 2, 2012

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Wiggins	Yeatman	EP	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2.			HR	
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**I. Summary:**

The bill creates the Household Pharmaceuticals Collection and Disposal Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and provides for sources, purposes and management of funds. This bill is related to SB 626, which creates a grant program for pharmaceutical collection and disposal.

As required by the constitution, the trust fund is terminated on July 1, 2016, and takes effect July 1, 2012, but only if enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

The bill creates an un-numbered section of the Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution, requires that every trust fund be created by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating that trust fund. The Constitution also provides that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless recreated.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** creates the Household Pharmaceuticals Collection and Disposal Trust Fund within DEP. The funds will be used for the grant program established in s. 403.745, F.S., by SB 626 to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for the expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household pharmaceuticals. The trust fund sunsets on July 1, 2016, unless terminated

sooner. The trust fund must be reviewed prior to its scheduled termination as provided in ss. 215.3206 (1) and (2), F.S.

**Section 2** provides the effective date of July 1, 2012, if SB 626 or similar legislation is adopted and becomes law.

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

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.

**IV. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**V. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VI. Related Issues:**

None.

**VII. 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.

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