

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 676

INTRODUCER: Senator Galvano

SUBJECT: Welfare Transition Trust Fund/Department of Education

DATE: February 20, 2014

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Sikes</u>	<u>Kynoch</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

SB 676 re-creates, without modification, the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Education (department). The bill is effective July 1, 2014, and has no fiscal impact on state or local funds.

II. Present Situation:

Article III, s. 19(f) of the Florida Constitution requires the termination of all state trust funds within four years of their initial creation, unless the trust fund is exempted by the constitution or operation of law.

The Welfare Transition Trust Fund is scheduled to be terminated on July 1, 2015.

The trust fund was created to provide a depository for federal funds received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. Funding for the trust fund was authorized by the 2011 Legislature in s. 1001.283, F.S., and consists of funds from the TANF Program.

For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Legislature appropriated \$98,277,590 from the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the department for school readiness.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the department is re-created without modification. Section 1001.283(3), F.S., which terminates the trust fund on July 1, 2015, is repealed.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

Pursuant to Art. III, s. 19(f)(1) of the Florida Constitution, a bill that re-creates a trust fund must pass by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house in a separate bill for that purpose only.

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. Statutes Affected:

This bill repeals section 1001.283(3) of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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