

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 688

INTRODUCER: Senator Gardiner

SUBJECT: Federal Grants Trust Fund/Executive Office of the Governor

DATE: February 20, 2014 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Pingree	Kynoch	AP	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

SB 688 re-creates, without modification, the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor (office) for use by the Division of Emergency Management (division). 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 Federal Grants Trust Fund is scheduled to be terminated on July 1, 2015.

Pursuant to s. 215.32(2)(b)2.g., F.S., a federal grants trust fund is a depository for funds that must be used for allowable activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources, including interest earnings and cash advances from other trust funds. For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Legislature appropriated \$36,414,323 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the office for various programs administered by the division, including state and local government emergency management, preparedness and mitigation programs, domestic preparedness programs, and hazardous emergency preparedness programs.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The Federal Grants Trust Fund within the department is re-created without modification. Section 14.235(4), F.S., which terminates the trust fund on July 1, 2015, is repealed.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 14.235(4) 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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