By Senator Evers

2015540 2-00758-15 A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 944.73, F.S.; creating the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections; providing a purpose; requiring that any balance remaining in the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year remain in the trust fund; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 944.73, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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944.73 State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.-

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(1) The State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund is created within the department. The purpose of the trust fund is the benefit and welfare of inmates incarcerated in state-operated correctional facilities.

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(2) Moneys shall be deposited in and expenditures made from the trust fund as provided in s. 945.215.

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(3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the trust fund and be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

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(4) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2019. Before its scheduled termination, the trust fund 30

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shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that SB 7020 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is enacted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.