

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; amending s. 20.425,
3 F.S.; creating the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund
4 within the Agency for Health Care Administration;
5 providing the purpose of the trust fund; specifying
6 the funding source for the trust fund; providing for
7 the reversion of certain funds to the Department of
8 Financial Services Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust
9 Fund; providing for future review and termination or
10 re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 20.425,
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 20.425 Agency for Health Care Administration; trust funds.—
18 The following trust funds shall be administered by the Agency
19 for Health Care Administration:

20 (9) State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.—

21 (a) The State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund is created
22 within the Agency for Health Care Administration. The purpose of
23 the trust fund is to abate the opioid epidemic in accordance
24 with the settlement agreements reached by the state in opioid-
25 related litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.

26 (b) The Department of Financial Services shall annually
27 transfer, by nonoperating transfer, the amount specified in the
28 General Appropriations Act from its Opioid Settlement Clearing
29 Trust Fund to the agency's State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.

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30 (c) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
31 any unencumbered balance in the trust fund at the end of any
32 fiscal year and any encumbered balance remaining undisbursed on
33 September 30 of the same calendar year shall revert to the
34 Department of Financial Services Opioid Settlement Clearing
35 Trust Fund.

36 (d) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
37 Constitution, the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund shall be
38 terminated on July 1, 2027, unless terminated sooner. Before its
39 scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as
40 provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.