

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 944.74,
3 F.S.; creating the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund within
4 the Department of Corrections; providing the purpose
5 of the trust fund; providing sources of funds;
6 providing for the reversion of funds in the Opioid
7 Settlement Trust Fund; providing for future review and
8 termination or re-creation of the trust fund;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 944.74, Florida Statutes, is created to
14 read:

15 944.74 Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.—

16 (1) The Opioid Settlement Trust Fund is created within the
17 Department of Corrections. The purpose of the trust fund is to
18 abate the opioid epidemic in accordance with the settlement
19 agreements reached by the state in opioid-related litigation or
20 bankruptcy proceedings.

21 (2) Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall consist of
22 funds disbursed, by nonoperating transfer, from the Department
23 of Financial Services' Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund in
24 amounts equal to the annual appropriations made from this trust
25 fund.

26 (3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
27 any unencumbered balance in the trust fund at the end of any
28 fiscal year and any encumbered balance remaining undisbursed on
29 September 30 of the same calendar year shall revert to the

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30 Department of Financial Services' Opioid Settlement Clearing
31 Trust Fund.

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

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