

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. 943.368,  
3 F.S.; creating the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund within  
4 the Department of Law Enforcement; providing the  
5 purpose 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 943.368, Florida Statutes, is created to  
14 read:

15 943.368 Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.-

16 (1) The Opioid Settlement Trust Fund is created within the  
17 Department of Law Enforcement. The purpose of the trust fund is  
18 to 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.