

FOR CONSIDERATION 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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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 943.368, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 943.368 Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.-

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

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

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

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30 September 30 of the same calendar year shall revert to the
31 Department of Financial Services' Opioid Settlement Clearing
32 Trust Fund.

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

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