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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 267.23,
F.S.; creating the Historic Cemeteries Trust Fund
within the Division of Historical Resources of the
Department of State; providing the purpose of the
trust fund; requiring that moneys be deposited into
the trust fund and disbursed by the division as
provided in a specified provision; requiring that any
balance at the end of the fiscal year remain in the
trust fund for a specified purpose; providing for
future review and termination or re-creation of the
trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 267.23, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

267.23 Historic Cemeteries Trust Fund.—

(1) The Historic Cemeteries Trust Fund is created within the division. The purpose of the trust fund is to act as a depository for the long-term maintenance and upkeep of cemeteries under the Historic Cemeteries Program.

(2) Moneys must be deposited into the trust fund and disbursed by the division as provided in s. 267.21.

(3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,

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26 any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year must
27 remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and must be
28 available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

29 (4) In accordance with s. 19(f), Art. III of the State
30 Constitution, the Historic Cemeteries Trust Fund, unless
31 terminated sooner, shall be terminated on July 1, 2030. Before
32 its scheduled termination, the trust fund must be reviewed as
33 provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

34 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect on the same date
35 that HB 425 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
36 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
37 extension thereof and becomes a law.