

**Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
Appropriations**

SB 1022 — Operating Trust Fund/Department of Legal Affairs

by Budget Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

The bill (Chapter 2011-21, L.O.F.) re-creates the Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Legal Affairs. The bill also repeals s. 20.112(3), F.S., which provided for a scheduled termination date of July 1, 2012, four years after the initial creation of the trust fund, in accordance with s. 19(f), Art. III, State Constitution. The Operating Trust Fund functions as a depository for funds which are used for program operations funded by program revenues. Trust fund receipts consist primarily of fines, forfeitures, and judgments collected by the department for actions involving violations of state laws and are used to support the program activities of the Office of Statewide Prosecution and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Trust fund expenditures are authorized by legislative appropriation or by a budget amendment approved according to the provisions of chapter 216, F.S.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 115-0