THE FLORIDA SENATE 2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Appropriations

CS/SB 426 — Trust Funds of the Department of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Gaetz

The bill (Chapter 2015-7, L.O.F.):

- Terminates five obsolete trust funds within the Department of Education or Board of Governors of the State University System: the Building Fee Trust Fund, the Replacement Trust Fund, the University Concurrency Trust Fund, the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and the Uniform Payroll Trust Fund.
- Clarifies the administration of the Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund by statutorily placing it under the Board of Governors, where it currently resides in practice, and directs state universities to deposit proceeds accrued pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act into the appropriate local account.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0

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Committee on Appropriations

CS/SB 428 — Trust Funds Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Hays

The bill (Chapter 2015-8, L.O.F.):

- Codifies in Florida Statutes five existing trust funds in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). These include the Administrative Trust Fund, the Environmental Lab Trust Fund, the Working Capital Trust Fund, the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund, and the Minerals Trust Fund. There are no changes to current law related to these trust funds.
- Directs federal grant revenue be deposited into the Federal Grants Trust Fund instead of the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. All federal grant balances are transferred to the Federal Grants Trust Fund. This modification conforms the DEP's trust funds to chapter 215, F.S., provisions for statewide consistency.
- Modifies the percentage distribution of revenue within the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund for solid waste management and mosquito control programs to reflect historical funding in the General Appropriations Act and the Implementing Bill.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2015. *Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0*

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 430 — Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund/Department of Transportation by Senator Latvala

The bill (Chapter 2015-9, L.O.F.) terminates the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund within the Department of Transportation and repeals s. 338.250, F.S., and s. 2(2)(a) of ch. 2004-235, L.O.F.

The trust fund was created to support the environmental mitigation efforts for projects the department was authorized to construct as part of the Central Florida Beltway and was funded with bond proceeds.

Construction of the projects is complete and payment of all outstanding debt has been made.

The trust fund has no cash balance and no future receipts are anticipated.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0