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By Senator Grant

13-565-98 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to trust funds; creating the "Rhea Chiles Health Care Education Trust Fund"; 3 4 providing for the administration of the trust 5 fund; providing an appropriation; providing a conditional effective date. 6 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 10 Section 1. (1) There is created the "Rhea Chiles Health Care Education Trust Fund" to be administered by the 11 College of Public Health of the University of South Florida. 12 The sum of \$200 million is appropriated from the Tobacco 13 Settlement to the Rhea Chiles Health Care Education Trust 14 Fund. The State Board of Administration shall invest the funds 15 under sections 215.44-215.53, Florida Statutes. Interest 16 17 earned on the invested funds may be used only for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining equipment for health care 18 19 education programs in the state postsecondary education system 20 as provided in subsection (2). 21 (2) Each fiscal year one-half of the interest earned by 22 the trust fund must be distributed to the universities in the 23 State University System based on the FTE enrollment in health care education programs in each university. Each fiscal year 24 25 one-half of the interest earned by the trust fund must be 26 distributed to the community colleges based on the FTE 27 enrollment in health care education programs in each community 28 college. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, 29 30 but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by a 31 1

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three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. SENATE SUMMARY Creates the "Rhea Chiles Health Care Education Trust Fund" to be administered by the College of Public Health of the University of South Florida. Provides that the interest earned in the trust fund on an amount appropriated from the Tobacco Settlement must be used by the state postsecondary education system for equipment for health care education programs. б

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