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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1109  
**RELATING TO:** Digital Divide Trust Fund  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Jennings  
**TIED BILL(S):** HB 1045

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  - (2) EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
  - (3) COUNCIL FOR READY INFRASTRUCTURE
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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation creates the Digital Divide Trust Fund. The Digital Divide Trust Fund would be administered by the Office of Information Technology in the Executive Office of the Governor (i.e., the State Technology Office).

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

HB 1045 would create the substantive statute that would control the administration of the Digital Divide Trust Fund.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The Digital Divide Trust Fund would be used, pursuant to the provisions of related HB 1045 or similar legislation, to provide access to information technology through the education system. Trust funds would be used to upgrade and purchase information technology for classrooms, train educators on using technology in the classroom and purchase information technology devices for use by students both at school and at home.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for the fund would be appropriations. However, contributions could also be made by private entities seeking to establish public-private partnerships with the state for the purpose of enhancing student achievement.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates the Digital Divide Trust Fund.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This bill would have no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. The bill would simply create a state trust fund, which would terminate automatically on July 1, 2005, if not sooner.

IV. COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. SIGNATURES:

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