HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1919 (PCB GGA 01-41)

RELATING TO: Creating the Technology Enterprise Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): General Government Appropriations Committee and Representative Dockery

TIED BILL(S):

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

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I. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

This legislation creates the Technology Enterprise Trust Fund within the Department of Management Services. This trust fund will receive moneys from users of the state's telecommunications system and the Department of Management Services' data processing center within the State Technology Office. Receipts will be used to pay the costs of operating the telecommunications system and the central data center.

There is no increased cost to state government.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1.	Less Government	Yes []	No [x]	N/A []
2.	Lower Taxes	Yes []	No []	N/A [x]
3.	Individual Freedom	Yes []	No []	N/A [x]
4.	Personal Responsibility	Yes []	No []	N/A [x]
5.	Family Empowerment	Yes []	No []	N/A [x]

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

This bill creates a new trust fund in the state treasury.

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Chapter 97-145, Laws of Florida, created the Communications Working Capital Trust Fund, FLAIR# 72-2-105. Section 216.292, Florida Statutes, provides for deposits into the fund. The Communications Working Capital Trust Fund provides funding for services provided by the state communications system within the Department of Management Services' State Technology Office. The primary sources of revenues for the Communications Working Capital Trust Fund are receipts from state and local governments and non-profit organizations for use of the state's telecommunications system (SUNCOM Network). Annual receipts into the trust fund total approximately \$123 million. Approximately \$109 million is paid to telephone service providers.

Chapter 97-149, L.O.F., created the Working Capital Trust Fund, FLAIR# 72-2-792. Section 216.272, F.S., creates the trust fund, provides purpose and revenue sources. The Working Capital Trust Fund provides funding for the operation of a data processing center within the Department of Management Services. The primary source of revenues for the Working Capital Trust Fund is user fees for data processing services that is charged to state agencies. Annual receipts into the trust fund totals approximately \$21 million. The funds are used to pay costs of providing data center services. Section 216.272 currently authorizes the Department (State Technology Office) to accumulate an account reserve to fund future technology resource acquisitions as provided by the Legislature.

Pursuant to Section 19 (f), Article III of the State Constitution the Communications Working Capital Trust Fund and the Working Capital Trust Fund are scheduled to terminate on November 4, 2000.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill creates the Technology Enterprise Trust Fund to provide a consolidation of the Communications Working Capital Trust Fund and the Working Capital Trust Fund. Upon termination of the Communications Working Capital Trust Fund and the Working Capital Trust Fund cash balances would be transferred to the newly established trust fund.

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Creates s. 282.23, F.S., to create the Technology Enterprise Trust Fund in the Department of Management Services. Fund sources shall consist of service charges for the state's telecommunications system and data processing services and shall include interest earnings. Funds shall be used for the purpose of operating the state's telecommunications system and the data processing center in the State Technology Office of the Department of Management Services. The Department (State Technology Office) has the authority to accumulate funds to create a reserve account to pay for future information technology resource acquisitions as appropriated by the Legislature. All moneys remaining in the trust fund at the end of a fiscal year will remain in the fund and will not revert to the source from which they were appropriated or transferred. The trust fund is terminated July 1, 2005, and must be reviewed by the Legislature prior to that date.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2001.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

- A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:
 - 1. <u>Revenues</u>:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. <u>Revenues</u>:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Revenues and expenditures equal reductions in the terminated trust funds.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of counties or municipalities to raise total aggregate revenues

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the total aggregate percent of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. <u>COMMENTS</u>:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

On April 4, 2001, the Committee on General Government Appropriations passed an amendment authorizing the Department (State Technology Office) to accumulate funds to create a reserve account to pay for future information technology resource acquisitions as appropriated by the Legislature. This simply transfers authority currently authorized for the Working Capital Trust Fund to the new trust fund, Technology Enterprise Trust Fund.

VII. <u>SIGNATURES</u>:

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS:

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