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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1849 (PCB CJA 02-10)

RELATING TO: Grants and Donations Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations and Representative Ball

TIED BILL(S):

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

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, FLAIR number 212339, without modification. The Grants and Donations Trust Fund is administered by the Justice Administrative Commission.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

The Grants and Donations Trust Fund was originally created by the Justice Administrative Commission. It has been re-created by the Legislature in Chapter 98-355, Laws of Florida.

Section 938.27, F.S., provides for the deposit of revenues in this trust fund.

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

The Justice Administrative Commission, the State Attorneys and the Public Defenders utilize this trust fund. The receipts of the Grants and Donations Trust Fund are expended for federal and state grants and miscellaneous operational expenses of the commission.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$35,229,805 of which, \$3,660,071 was appropriated for the Justice Administrative Commission, \$27,801,571 for State Attorneys, and \$3,768,156 for Public Defenders.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for the Grants and Donations Trust Fund are various fees, interagency transfers, and grants from other governmental entities and private organizations. The receipts include funds for state attorney and public defender training, food stamp fraud administration, and funds for transfers.

Sources of receipts for the Justice Administrative Commission are DUI prosecution training fees. Total receipts for the Justice Administrative Commission for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$149,687. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$171,925 and \$182,370, respectively.

Sources of receipts for the State Attorneys include (1) recovery of costs and fees associated with certain cases such as telemarketing fraud, workers compensation fraud, violations of The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and juvenile justice; (2) grants such as the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA); and (3) transfer of Article V Trust Funds from state courts. Total receipts for the State Attorneys for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$14,553,620. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$18,210,020 and \$17,532,018 respectively.

Sources of receipts for the Public Defenders are various grants from the Article V Trust Fund, and federal grants and donations. Total receipts for the Public Defenders for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$1,469,657. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$3,642,206 and \$2,406,982, respectively.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VI. SIGNATURES:

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