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

BILL #: HB 1859 (PCB CJA 02-21)

RELATING TO: Crimes Compensation 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 Crimes Compensation Trust Fund, FLAIR number 412149, without modification. The Crimes Compensation Trust Fund is administered by the Department of Legal Affairs.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 960.21, F.S., creates the trust fund and provides for its purpose.

Section 960.20, F.S., provides for assessment, collection, and deposit of the fees.

Section 318.14(10), F.S., provides for revenue from the imposition of a court fee.

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

The receipts of the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund are expended on operating costs incurred by the department in executing the "Florida Crimes Compensation Act," service to victims suffering property loss, service to victims of sexual assault, and victim service programs provided at the appellate and trial court levels.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$47,294,991.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is a \$50 fee assessed to a person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for, any felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic offense, or violation of any municipal or county ordinance which adopts by reference any misdemeanor under state law, and any person whose adjudication is withheld pursuant to s. 318.14(10), F.S. Total receipts from these fees in the 2000-2001 fiscal year

were \$19,736,950. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$22,601,798 and \$23,637,988, respectively.

Other sources of revenue include federal grants, interest earnings, grants and donations, restitution payments, transfers, refunds, reimbursements, sales of services, and prior year warrant cancellations.

Total receipts for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$41,919,196. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$48,132,425 and \$49,285,194, 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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