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

BILL #: HB 1863 (PCB CJA 02-23)

RELATING TO: Crime Stoppers 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 Crime Stoppers Trust Fund, FLAIR number 412202, without modification effective November 4, 2004. The Crime Stoppers 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 16.556, F.S., creates the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund.

Section 16.555, F.S., provides for deposit of the court cost surcharge assessed in addition to any fine prescribed by law for any criminal offense pursuant to Section 938.06, F.S., into the trust fund according to the judicial circuit in which such funds were collected.

Section 938.06, F.S., imposes an additional \$20 surcharge on fines levied for any criminal offense.

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

The receipts of the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund are expended in the form of grants to counties which are served by an official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in order to support Crime Stoppers and their crime fighting programs.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$5,145,579.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is court cost surcharges in the amount of \$20 imposed upon any fine prescribed by law for any criminal offense pursuant to section 938.06, F.S. Total

receipts from the surcharge for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$3,142,505. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year are \$3,300,000.

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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