

STORAGE NAME: h1869.cja.doc
DATE: February 14, 2002

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

BILL #: HB 1869 (PCB CJA 02-26)

RELATING TO: Legal Services Trust Fund

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

TIED BILL(S):

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

- (1) CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS YEAS 11 NAYS 0
 - (2)
 - (3)
 - (4)
 - (5)
-

I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Legal Services Trust Fund, FLAIR number 412438, without modification. The Legal Services 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 16.535, F.S., provides for creation and purposes of the trust fund.

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

The receipts of the Legal Services Trust Fund are expended for legal services provided to state agencies contracting with the Attorney General.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$23,626,294.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for the Legal Services Trust Fund is state agency payments for contracted legal services. Total receipts from these payments for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$18,483,720. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$21,496,420 and \$25,313,138, 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:

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS:

Prepared by:

Staff Director:

Melissa Engle

Jim DeBeaugrine

Greg Davis