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

BILL #: HB 1871 (PCB CJA 02-27)

RELATING TO: Legal Affairs Revolving 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 Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund, FLAIR number 412439, without modification. The Legal Affairs Revolving 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 16.53, 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 Affairs Revolving Trust Fund are expended for the investigation, prosecution, and enforcement of the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupted Organizations Act, the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, and state or federal antitrust laws.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$7,360,233.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue is fines, fees, forfeitures, or other judgments against defendants being prosecuted for these types of cases. Total receipts from these fines, fees, forfeitures, and other judgments for the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$5,152,220. Agency estimates of receipts from fines, fees, forfeitures, or other judgments for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$5,533,634 and \$5,816,295, 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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