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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1885 (PCB CJA 02-36)

RELATING TO: Inmate Welfare 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:

The bill creates the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, FLAIR number 702523, in the Department of Corrections. The need for this trust fund is the statutory requirement that the department deposit certain proceeds from inmate related revenues (e.g. telephone commissions, canteen sales) into the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to be used for a variety of purposes to benefit inmates.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 945.21502, F.S., creates the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.
Section 945.215, F.S., provides for the deposit and expenditure of funds.

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

The receipts of the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund are expended for the benefit and welfare of inmates incarcerated in correctional facilities operated directly by the department and for visitation and family programs and services such as correctional facilities.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$33,883,714.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The sources of revenues for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund are profits from canteen sales to inmates and telephone commissions.

The primary source of receipts for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund are from telephone commissions and canteen sales. Total receipts from telephone commissions in the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$13,926,122. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$17,419,786 and \$18,023,464, respectively. Total receipts from canteen

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sales in the 2000-2001 fiscal year were \$12,510,621.00. Agency estimates for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the 2002-2003 fiscal year are \$15,110,167 and \$14,892,516, 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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