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

BILL #: HB 1891 (PCB CJA 02-39)

RELATING TO: Privately Operated 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 re-creates the Privately Operated Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, FLAIR number 70-2623, within the Department of Corrections without modification effective July 1, 2002.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Chapter 945.215, F.S. specifies that net proceeds from inmate-related revenues such as telephone commissions and profit from canteen and vending machines are to be deposited into the trust fund and provides that funds may only be expended pursuant to appropriation.

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

The trust fund is used to support inmate programs in correctional facilities operated by private vendors.

For the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$2,614,050.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The primary source of revenue for the Privately Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund are from profits from canteen sales to inmates and telephone commissions. Total receipts for FY 2000-01 were \$1,759,415. Receipts for FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03 are estimated to be \$1,933,735 and \$1,999,736 respectively.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification effective July 1, 2002.

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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