

By the Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations and Representative Ball

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; terminating and  
3           re-creating the Employee Benefit Trust Fund  
4           within the Department of Corrections without  
5           modification; carrying forward current balances  
6           and continuing current sources and uses  
7           thereof; providing an effective date.

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9           WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of  
10          the Employee Benefit Trust Fund within the Department of  
11          Corrections, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated  
12          pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

13                  WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund  
14          before its scheduled termination date and has found that it  
15          continues to meet an important public purpose, and

16                  WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public  
17          policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for  
18          its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20          Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22                  Section 1. (1) The Employee Benefit Trust Fund within  
23          the Department of Corrections, no FLAIR number, which is to be  
24          terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State  
25          Constitution on July 1, 2006, unless terminated sooner by law,  
26          is terminated on November 4, 2004, and re-created.

27                  (2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried  
28          forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund  
29          are continued.

30                  Section 2. This act shall take effect November 4,  
31          2004.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Terminates and re-creates the Employee Benefit Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections in order to synchronize its review cycle with other trust funds of the department.