SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL:	SB 746				
SPONSOR:	Senator Cowin				
SUBJECT:	Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund				
DATE:	DATE: December 20, 2001 REVISED:				
	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION	
1. Mannelli		Beck	APJ	Favorable	
2.			AP	Withdrawn: Favorable	
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund without modification, effective upon becoming a law. The Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund, FLAIR #71-2-974, is administered by the Justice Administration Commission. This fund was created by Chapter 2000-83.

II. Present Situation:

The fund is used to supplement the general revenue funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Public Defenders.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

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.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.