

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 832

SPONSOR: Senator Cowin

SUBJECT: Inmate Welfare Trust Fund

DATE: December 20, 2001 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Mannelli	Beck	APJ	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	AP	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This legislation terminates and re-creates the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, effective upon becoming a law. The Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, FLAIR #70-2-523, is administered by the Department of Corrections. This fund was created by Chapter 98-385.

II. Present Situation:

Section 945.215, F.S. provides for an Inmate Welfare Trust Fund and 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. The section also provides that the trust fund be used for a variety of education, training, faith-based and other programs that benefit inmates.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill terminates and re-creates the trust fund in order to synchronize its review with other trust funds of the system.

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.