

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 175 Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Murman
TIED BILLS: HB 173 **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

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I. SUMMARY

HB 175 creates the Sexual Assault Victim's Trust Fund. The trust fund would be used to provide sexual assault recovery services to victims of sexual assault and to their families. The bill provides for an additional assessment of court costs against any person who is found guilty, who pleads nolo contendere to, or who is found guilty regardless of adjudication of an act of sexual battery. The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 938.085, F.S.

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

The Department of Health is directed to contract with a statewide organization for allocation of the dollars in the trust fund to provide sexual assault recovery services to victims of sexual assault and their families.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The bill provides for an assessment of court costs of \$151 against any person found guilty of sexual battery. \$1 of that assessment would be retained by the Clerks of Court in each circuit.

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4. TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS INTO THE FUND AND CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FUND:

Based on 2000 data from the Department of Corrections, the fund is anticipated to collect about \$200,000.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The 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

V. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES