

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: H1851 Welfare Transition Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Appropriations
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Appropriations	39 Y, 0 N	Darity	Hansen
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

House Bill 1851 creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund to be administered Department of Military Affairs to be used for supporting welfare transition programs, transition services and support services. The trust fund is created for the exclusive purpose of tracking federal funds and supports provisions of the General Appropriations Act.

This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2003.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

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DATE: April 15, 2003

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Department of Military Affairs receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for the purposes of supporting welfare transition programs, transition services, support services and other services provided in order to divert from welfare families who are at risk of welfare dependency.

Currently, TANF funds that support the welfare transition programs are appropriated to the Armory Board Trust Fund. The trust fund's primary receipts are funds associated with federal/state cooperative agreements with the Department of Defense, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursements received from the Department of Community Affairs, and various state grants and transfers.

The bill creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund in the Department of Military Affairs. The bill also provides that the Department of Military Affairs will administer the trust fund in support of welfare transition programs, transitions services and support services. Creation of a trust fund for this purpose within the Department of Military Affairs will allow the Department to best track expenditures to ensure federal compliance can be substantiated.

With respect to the sources of funds to be deposited in the trust fund, the bill specifies that funds budgeted for welfare transition programs may be appropriated to the trust fund. Notwithstanding the requirement in chapter 216, Florida Statutes, for the reversion of unexpended balances of appropriations, funds remaining in the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year, including interest earnings, may be retained in the trust fund in support of the fund's purposes.

The act takes effect on July 1, 2003. Consistent with the constitutional requirement, the bill specifies that the trust fund terminates on July 1, 2006, and that the trust fund is subject to review by the Legislature under section, 215.3206, Florida Statutes.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Establishes the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs.

Section 2: Establishes an effective date of July 1, 2003.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

None.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES