

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 744

SPONSOR: Senator Carlton

SUBJECT: Re-create - Educational Certification and Service Trust Fund

DATE: January 27, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Bryant</u>	<u>Newman</u>	<u>AED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Educational Certification and Service Trust Fund, FLAIR number 482176, which is administered by the Department of Education. Re-creation is effective for four years beginning on November 4, 2004, the current termination date of the fund. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-31, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Section 1012.59, F.S., creates the trust fund. Sections 1012.59 and 1012.796, F.S., provide revenue sources for the fund.

This fund requires the State Board of Education to establish separate fees for applications, examinations, certification, certification renewal, record making, and for scheduling and administering an examination upon an applicant's request. Reenactment of this fund will allow the Department of Education to receive revenue to support statewide certification of K-12 educational personnel and to disburse funds for the payment of expenses incurred by the Educational Practices Commission, and in the printing of forms and bulletins and the issuing of certificates.

The major sources of revenue for the trust fund are certification fees, fines, and penalties. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2001-2002 were \$4.1 million.

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.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

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.