

# 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 756

SPONSOR: Senator Carlton

SUBJECT: Re-create - Federal Rehabilitation 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 Federal Rehabilitation Trust Fund, FLAIR number 482270, which is administered by the Department of Education and used by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Blind Services. 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 2000-69, Laws of Florida, when the fund was administered by the Department of Labor and Employment Security. Effective April 11, 2002, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was transferred from the Department of Labor and Employment Security to the Department of Education by Chapter 2002-22, LOF.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 413.4455, F.S., requires that third-party payments received pursuant to the provisions of s. 413.445, F.S., be deposited in the fund. Chapter 413 authorizes the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Blind Services, the sole users of the Federal Rehabilitation Trust Fund, under the Department of Education.

The fund serves as a depository for receipt of funds to provide vocational rehabilitation services.

The major sources of revenue for the fund are federal grants, deposits, cooperative agreements and third-party payments. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2001-2002 were \$135.4 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.

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