

# 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 788

SPONSOR: Senator Carlton

SUBJECT: Re-create - Education/General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund

DATE: January 27, 2003

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Bryant	Newman	AED	Favorable
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## I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Education/General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund, FLAIR number 492164, which is administered by the Department of Education. Re-creation is effective for the period from November 4, 2004, through November 4, 2008. (Another bill, SB 786, re-creates the fund on its current termination date, July 1, 2003, through November 4, 2004. Two bills are necessary to put this fund on the same termination and review schedule as all other Department of Education trust funds.) This fund was created effective July 1, 1999, by Chapter 99-48, Laws of Florida.

## II. Present Situation:

The trust fund is created in Laws of Florida, but not codified in Florida Statutes. Section 1009.24, F.S., lists various student fees that may be assessed by universities.

As contemplated in Section 1011.4106, F.S., beginning with the current fiscal year (FY 2002-03), this fund is no longer included in the General Appropriations Act. It is requested to be continued, however, for use by universities still using the FLAIR system. As devolution continues over the next few years and universities develop their own accounting systems, it is anticipated that the use of this fund will gradually be curtailed.

The purpose of the trust fund is to support the instruction and research missions of the State University System, as a depository for student fee collections and other miscellaneous fees and receipts.

The major sources of revenue for the fund are tuition, matriculation, and other student related fees. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2001-2002 were \$570.7 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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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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