

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: PCS for SB 1662

INTRODUCER: Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations and Senator Peaden

SUBJECT: Department of Health

DATE: March 30, 2009 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Peters	Peters	HA	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

The bill repeals section 216.2625, Florida Statutes, moving the requirements relating to expenditure of County Health Department Trust Funds by the Department of Health to section 154.02, Florida Statutes, and eliminates the exemption for authorized positions funded by the County Health Department Trust Fund or the United States Trust Fund to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act.

The bill also removes the requirement in section 154.02, Florida Statutes, to increase the emergency reserve of the County Health Department Trust Fund by the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

This bill substantially amends s. 154.02, Florida Statutes. The bill repeals s. 216.2625, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Provisions related to the disbursement of Department of Health trust funds and appropriation of authorized positions is specified in s. 216.2625, F.S. Funds from the County Health Department Trust Fund are to be expended by the department for the respective county health departments in accordance with the budgets and plans agreed upon by the county authorities of each county and the department. The total number of authorized positions funded by the County Health Department Trust Fund or the United States Trust Fund are exempt from being appropriated in the General Appropriations Act.

Provisions related to an emergency reserve in the County Health Department Trust Fund are specified in s. 154.02 (5)(b), F.S. There is currently a minimum reserve required in the County Health Department Trust Fund of \$500,000 and the emergency reserve is required to be increased by the increase of the Consumer Price Index that occurred during the previous 12 months.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 154.02, F.S., to include the provisions related to expenditures of County Health Department Trust funds repealed in s. 216.2625 and removes the requirement to increase the emergency reserve of the County Health Department Trust Fund by the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Section 2 repeals s. 216.2625, F.S., related to expenditures of County Health Department Trust funds and the exemption for appropriation of positions.

Section 3 provides that the bill shall take effect July 1, 2009.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Department of Health positions funded by the County Health Department Trust Fund and the United States Trust Fund are required to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act. The minimum required emergency reserve amount of \$500,000 in the County Health Department Trust Fund is no longer required to be increased each July 1 by the Consumer Price Index increase in the prior year.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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