

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation:

Article III, Section 19(f) of the Florida Constitution requires the termination of all state trust funds within four years of their initial creation, unless exempt by the Constitution or operation of law. The Welfare Transition Trust Fund will terminate on July 1, 2009, if no action is taken by the Legislature to re-create.

The Welfare Transition Trust Fund consists of funds collected from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant. These moneys are used exclusively for providing services to individuals eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The Forward March and About Face programs in the DMA are the recipients of these funds. In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the Legislature appropriated \$2,000,000 for the Forward March and About Face programs, which was the anticipated amount of receipts.

Potential Changes:

The Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs will be re-created prior to the scheduled termination date of July 1, 2009.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

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

Section 2. Repeals paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section 250.175, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Provides and effective date of July 1, 2009.

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:

N/A.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A.

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/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES