

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB CCJ 09-03 Parole Commission Federal Grants Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations Committee

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
Orig. Comm.:	Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations Committee		McAuliffe	Davis
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I. SUMMARY

Section 19(f), Article III of the Florida Constitution governs the creation of trust funds. It provides that no trust fund of the state or other public body may be created without a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for that purpose only. The Florida Constitution also specifies that state trust funds shall terminate not more than four years after the effective date of the act authorizing the initial creation of the trust fund, unless the Legislature by law sets forth a shorter time period.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Parole Commission will terminate on July 1, 2009. This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification, and repeals the provisions that would have terminated the trust fund. The bill recreates a trust fund; therefore it must pass with a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

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.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 947.045, Florida Statutes.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The Federal Grants Trust Fund was created to allow the Parole Commission to receive federal grants such as the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, and other grants awarded for specifically identified purposes.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Grants from the federal government.

4. TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS INTO THE FUND AND CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FUND:

There have been no legislative appropriations from this trust fund, the Parole Commission anticipates future federal funding of VOCA grants and grants for re-entry programs for conditional releasees.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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.

IV. COMMENTS

None.

V. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES