

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRUST FUND RE-CREATION STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB EDAS 14-01 Welfare Transition Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Education Appropriations Subcommittee

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

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Education Appropriations Subcommittee		Seifert	Heflin

I. SUMMARY

Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution requires that all newly created trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless re-created. This provision requires that trust fund be created or re-created by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of created or recreating that trust fund. The Welfare Transition Trust Fund was created in the Department of Education effective July 1, 2011, and is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2015.

The Legislature re-creates the Welfare Transition Trust Fund effective July 1, 2014, provided that it is enacted by three-fifths of the membership of both houses of the Legislature.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

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

This trust fund is used exclusively to provide services to individuals eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families pursuant to the requirements and limitation of part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act, as amended, or any other applicable federal requirement or limitation.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Moneys in the trust fund consist of those funds collected from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.

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

The total projected receipts into this fund for the current year are \$98,277,590 and current year appropriations from the fund are \$98,277,590.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill re-creates the trust fund without modification and repeals the scheduled termination of the trust fund.

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

V. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES