

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB SOT 17-02 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Select Committee on Triumph Gulf Coast

TIED BILLS: PCB SOT 17-01 **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Select Committee on Triumph Gulf Coast		Smith	Hamby

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 19(f), Art. III of the Florida Constitution requires that every trust fund be created by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating a trust fund.

A companion bill to this bill, PCB SOT 17-01 relates to the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor. That bill amends s. 288.8013, F.S. to require that seventy-five percent of all payments to the State of Florida pursuant to the settlement agreement entered into on October 5, 2015, in the case styled *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010*, MDL 2179 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana be immediately transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. That bill also amends s. 288.8017, F.S. to authorize Triumph Gulf Coast Inc., subject to the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, to make awards to projects or programs for certain specified purposes.

This bill creates the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity and provides that the trust fund is established as a depository for the settlement funds described above. The bill also provides that the funds shall be used in conformity with the requirements of s. 288.8017, F.S. as amended by PCB SOT 17-01, and exempts the trust fund from the general revenue service charge provided in s. 215.20, F.S.

This bill has no fiscal impact. The bill takes effect on the same date that PCB SOT 17-01 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is enacted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law, and only if this act is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Constitutional requirements: Section 19(f), Art. III of the Florida Constitution requires that every trust fund be created by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature in a separate bill for the sole purpose of creating a trust fund. State trust funds terminate not more than four years after the initial creation unless re-created.

Provisions of companion bill: A companion bill to this bill, PCB SOT 17-01 relates to the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor. That bill amends s. 288.8013, F.S. to require that seventy-five percent of all payments to the State of Florida pursuant to the settlement agreement entered into on October 5, 2015, in the case styled *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010*, MDL 2179 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana be immediately transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. The bill also amends s. 288.8017, F.S. to authorize Triumph Gulf Coast Inc., subject to the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, to make awards to projects or programs for certain specified purposes.

Creation of trust fund: This bill creates the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity for the deposit of the settlement funds described above. This bill provides that funds from the trust fund shall be used for the purposes described in s. 288.8017, F.S. as amended by the companion bill.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Florida Constitution, the trust fund will terminate on July 1, 2021, unless re-created by the Legislature.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 creates s. 288.80125, F.S. relating to the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.

Section 2 provides effective date contingent on passage of PCB SOT 17-01 and a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

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:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This bill has no fiscal impact.

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/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES