

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund;
 3 creating s. 20.507, F.S.; creating the Opioid
 4 Settlement Trust Fund within the Department of
 5 Children and Families; providing the purpose of such
 6 trust fund; providing for the future review and
 7 termination of such trust fund; amending s. 20.195,
 8 F.S.; providing for the administration of the Opioid
 9 Settlement Trust Fund by the department; providing the
 10 source of funds; providing an exemption from a certain
 11 service charge; requiring funds to revert under
 12 certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Section 20.507, Florida Statutes, is created to
 17 read:

18 20.507 Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.—

19 (1) The Opioid Settlement Trust Fund is created within the
 20 Department of Children and Families for the purpose of funding
 21 programs and services that prevent and treat substance use
 22 disorders and mental health conditions, support addiction
 23 recovery, and implement opioid abatement strategies.

24 (2) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
 25 Constitution, the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund shall, unless

26 terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2027. Before its
 27 scheduled termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in
 28 s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

29 Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 20.195,
 30 Florida Statutes, to read:

31 20.195 Department of Children and Families; trust funds.-
 32 The following trust funds shall be administered by the
 33 Department of Children and Families:

34 (11) Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.

35 (a) Funds to be credited in the trust fund shall consist
 36 of funds disbursed, by nonoperating transfer, from the
 37 Department of Financial Services Opioid Settlement Clearing
 38 Trust Fund in amounts equal to the appropriations made from this
 39 trust fund. Funds deposited into the trust fund are exempt from
 40 the service charges imposed under s. 215.20.

41 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
 42 pursuant to s. 216.351, any unencumbered balance remaining
 43 undisbursed on September 30 of the same calendar year shall
 44 revert to the Department of Financial Services Opioid Settlement
 45 Clearing Trust Fund.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.