

CHAPTER 98-386

House Bill No. 4659

An act relating to trust funds; creating the Privately Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections; providing for purposes and sources of funds; providing for annual carryforward of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) There is hereby created in the Department of Corrections the Privately Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund. The purpose of the trust fund shall be the benefit and welfare of inmates incarcerated in private correctional facilities under contract with the department pursuant to chapter 944, Florida Statutes, or the Correctional Privatization Commission pursuant to chapter 957, Florida Statutes. Moneys shall be deposited in the trust fund and expenditures made from the trust fund as provided in s. 945.215, Florida Statutes.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, Florida Statutes, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

(3) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2002. However, prior to its scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the year in which enacted.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 30, 1998.

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