

Senate Bill No. 916

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; amending s. 236.08107, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund within the Department of Education, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund before its scheduled termination date and has found that it continues to meet an important public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. (1) The Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund within the Department of Education, FLAIR number 48-2-206, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2002, is re-created.

(2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund are continued.

Section 2. Section 236.08107, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

236.08107 Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund.—

(1) The Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund is created to be administered by the Department of Education. Funds must be credited to the trust fund as provided in chapter 98-309, Laws of Florida, to be used for the purposes set forth therein.

~~(2) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2002. Prior to its scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).~~

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved by the Governor April 23, 2002.

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