

Senate Bill No. 2118

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Health without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; amending s. 20.435, F.S.; removing the scheduled termination of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Health, 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 Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Health, FLAIR number 64-2-401, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2008, 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. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section 20.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.435 Department of Health; trust funds.—

(1) The following trust funds are hereby created, to be administered by the Department of Health:

(i) Welfare Transition Trust Fund.

1. The Welfare Transition Trust Fund is created within the Department of Health for the purposes of receiving federal funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. Trust fund moneys shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing services to individuals eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families pursuant to the requirements and limitations of part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act, as amended, or any other applicable federal requirement or limitation. Funds credited to the trust fund consist of those funds collected from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.

~~2. In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Welfare Transition Trust Fund shall be terminated on July 1, 2008, unless~~

~~terminated sooner. Before 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, 2008.

Approved by the Governor April 21, 2008.

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