

CHAPTER 2017-159

House Bill No. 5403

An act relating to trust funds; terminating the Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for the disposition of balances in, revenues of, and all outstanding appropriations of the trust fund; prescribing procedures for the termination of the trust fund; amending s. 20.25501, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection, FLAIR number 20-2-050001, is terminated.

(2) All current balances remaining in, and all revenues of, the trust fund shall be transferred to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection.

(3) The Department of Environmental Protection shall pay any outstanding debts or obligations of the terminated trust fund as soon as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall close out and remove the terminated trust fund from various state accounting systems using generally accepted accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and liabilities.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 20.25501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.25501 Department of Environmental Protection; trust funds.—The following trust funds shall be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection:

~~(3) The Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund.~~

~~(a) The trust fund is established for use as a depository for funds to be used for the operation of the department's environmental laboratory program and is funded by program revenues and assessments against trust funds.~~

~~(b) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund and shall be available for carrying out the purpose of the trust fund.~~

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2017.

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