

CHAPTER 2024-26

House Bill No. 83

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections; amending s. 944.73, F.S.; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections, 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. The State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections, FLAIR number 20-2-523, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19 (f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2024, is re-created.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 944.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

944.73 State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.—

~~(4) In accordance with s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution, the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, unless terminated sooner, shall be terminated on July 1, 2024. 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 upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 2024.

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