

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 18-A

An act relating to trust funds; creating the Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative Commission; providing for the purpose of the trust fund; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund.—

(1) The Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund is created within the Justice Administrative Commission. Moneys credited to the trust fund shall be used for the purpose of funding the activities of the public defenders.

(2) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2012. Before 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 on the same date as SB 12-A or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is enacted in the same legislative session, or an extension thereof, and becomes law, but this act shall not take effect unless it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

Approved by the Governor January 27, 2009.

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