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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1201 (PCB CJ 00-02)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund in the Justice Administrative Commission

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund, FLAIR #21-2-974, is administered by the Justice Administrative Commission. This fund was created effective January 1, 1997, by Chapter 96-376, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 27.525, F.S., creates the trust fund.

Section 27.52, F.S., provides revenue sources for the fund and defines the uses of the fund.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The fund is used to supplement the general revenue funds appropriated by the Legislature to the public defenders.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are court assessed fees and costs and application fees. According to Comptroller data, receipts to the fund for FY 1998-99 were \$2,137,279.85.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

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This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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