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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1109
RELATING TO: Digital Divide Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Representative(s) Jennings and others
TIED BILL(S): CS/HB 1045

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

- (1) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY YEAS 7 NAYS 0
- (2) EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
- (3) COUNCIL FOR READY INFRASTRUCTURE
- (4)
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I. SUMMARY:

CS/HB 1109 would create the Digital Divide Trust Fund in the State Technology Office; authorize the Digital Divide Council to administer the Trust Fund; transfer \$3 million of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds in the Employment Security Administration Trust Fund to the Digital Divide Trust Fund; authorize deposit of other funds into the Trust Fund; provide for review and termination of the Trust Fund; and provide for the act to take effect the sooner of July 1, 2001, or upon becoming a law.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Presently, there is no trust fund that holds any funds authorized for use for the purposes intended for the funds that would be deposited in the Digital Divide Trust Fund.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

CS/HB 1109 would create the Digital Divide Trust Fund in the State Technology Office for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds required to pay part or all of the costs of facilitating design and implementation of programs using information technology to educate and train members of economically disadvantaged families to become qualified to compete effectively for high skill/high wage employment. The bill would authorize the Digital Divide Council to administer the Trust Fund. The bill would provide for the initial deposit of funds to come from a transfer of \$3 million from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds in the Employment Security Administration Trust Fund and would authorize the deposit of funds from other sources. The bill would provide for review and termination of the Trust Fund pursuant to s. 19 (f) (2), Article III of the State Constitution. The bill would provide for the act to take effect on July 1, 2001, or upon becoming a law, whichever first occurs.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

CS/HB 1109 would have no necessary fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments or local government funds, or on the private sector. The bill would simply create a state trust fund for an expressed purpose and would provide for the trust fund to be reviewed and terminated on July 1, 2005, unless extended by subsequent legislative action effective before that date.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

CS/HB 1109 would not be exempt from the Mandates Provision unless it is found to have insignificant fiscal impact.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

CS/HB 1109 would not reduce revenue raising authority.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

CS/HB 1109 would not reduce state tax shared with counties and municipalities.

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V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

CS/HB 1109 would raise no known constitutional issues.

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B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

CS/HB 1109 would not delegate any rule-making authority or affect any rule-making authority lawfully delegated to any other agency.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

CS/HB 1109 incorporates a strike everything amendment to HB 1045 that was adopted without objection before the bill was voted on unanimous/favorable 8 yeas to 0 nays by the House Information Technology Committee during its 4/11/01 meeting.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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