

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee

BILL: SB 1090

INTRODUCER: Senator Crist

SUBJECT: Federal Grants Trust Fund/DOC

DATE: February 3, 2009 REVISED: 02/19/09 _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Toms	Sadberry	JA	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill re-creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Corrections without modification, and repeals the provisions that would have terminated the trust fund. This bill amends s. 945.21503, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Article III, Section 19(f) of the Florida Constitution requires the termination of all state trust funds within four years of their initial creation, unless exempt by the Constitution or operation of law. The Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Corrections will terminate on July 1, 2010.

The Federal Grants Trust Fund consists of funds received from federal grants. These moneys are used for programs and purposes specified by the federal government. Federal grants are provided to the Department of Corrections for adult basic education, special education, and vocational programming; for reimbursement of state criminal alien assistance; to provide nutritional meals for youthful offenders; for prisoner reentry initiatives; for substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs; for purchase of safety equipment, and other purposes identified when granted. In Fiscal Year 2008-09, the Legislature appropriated \$36,621,138 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund based on anticipated federal grant awards to the department.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

This bill 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.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.