
**Senate Committee on
Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations**

**FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS CONFORMING
LEGISLATION**

CS/SB 1134 — Transportation

by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee and Senators Fasano and Lynn

The bill provides statutory changes necessary to conform to the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2007-2008. Specifically, the bill:

- Revises the matching fund formula for fixed-guideway revenue bonds to allow for various matching scenarios up to 50 percent of the state's share of the eligible project cost.
- Provides eligibility criteria for participation in the Department of Transportation's (FDOT) youth work experience program. Nonprofit organizations that perform work related to the construction and maintenance of transportation-related facilities by youths enrolled in youth work experience programs must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to participate in the FDOT's youth work experience program.
- Makes various changes to FDOT's requirements on performance and surety bonds. The minimum contract amount needing a surety bond is increased from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Multi-year maintenance contracts are permitted to obtain annual surety bonds. FDOT is permitted to waive surety bond requirement for projects in excess of \$250 million if other less-traditional financial guarantees are available.
- Raises the Turnpike Enterprise's revenue bond cap from \$4.5 billion in bonds issued to \$10 billion in bonds outstanding. This change gives the Turnpike Enterprise more immediate bond capacity and creates a revolving line of credit to issue more bonds as the Turnpike pays down its balance.
- Creates a pilot program in Orange and Osceola counties to allow advertising signs on the interstate highway to be placed within 1,000 feet of each other. The local government is required to adopt a policy (via a plan, resolution, ordinance, etc.) that encourages voluntary removal of signs in a downtown, historic, redevelopment, infill, or other designated area to be replaced with a sign on the interstate highway. There must also be an agreement between the sign owner and the local government. The local governments are required to notify FDOT of its intentions and monitor the use of this new provision.
- Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV) to implement a secure print-on-demand electronic temporary license plate registration system for use by every department-authorized issuer of temporary license plates by the end of FY 2007-0008.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2007.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 119-0

TRUST FUND BILLS

SB 1308 — Cooperative Agreement Trust Fund

by Senator Fasano

This bill (Chapter 2007-8, L.O.F.) renames the Cooperative Agreement Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs the Federal Grants Trust Fund to be consistent with s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S.

The bill also terminates the Jefferson County Project Construction Trust Fund within the Department of Transportation and transfers any balances remaining in the trust fund on the date of termination to the State Transportation Trust Fund.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2007.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0

SB 1310 — Emergency Response Trust Fund

by Senator Fasano

This bill (Chapter 2007-9, L.O.F.) continues the Emergency Response Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs without changes. Revenue sources for this trust fund are Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements and transfers of state funds when approved by budget amendments processed pursuant to ch. 216, F.S. The trust fund is used to pay all operational costs incurred by the Florida National Guard when called to active duty.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2007.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0

CS/SB 1430 — Federal Grants Trust Fund

by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee and Senator Fasano

This bill (Chapter 2007-22, L.O.F.), creates the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles effective July 1, 2008. The fund is established as a depository for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources. Funds shall be expended only pursuant to legislative appropriation or an approved amendment to the department's operating budget pursuant to the provisions of ch. 216, F.S.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2008.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0