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Florida Activates New Crime Unit, Replacing Kirk's

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Sept. 27—Gov. Claude R. Kirk Jr.'s privately financed "war on crime" all but died today as the Florida Bureau of Investigation was activated.

The bureau was created by the Legislature this year as a result of the Governor's crime program.

Governor Kirk said most of the cases still under investigation by investigators from the Wackenhut Corporation of Miami were being turned over to the new agency. A few near completion will remain under his office.

Governor Kirk told a news conference he was confident that the \$350,000 owed to the Wackenhut Corporation could be raised from private sources. So far he has reported contributions and payments of less than \$100,000.

The Governor, a Republican, said he was sorry members of the Florida cabinet had not seen fit to release state money to help pay for the campaign.

The six members of the cabinet, all Democrats, have consistently opposed the Kirk program.

The new bureau will absorb the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the Narcotics Division of the State Board of Health. It will have statewide investigative and arrest powers.

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