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2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 751

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Johnny Vasquez, et al. v. Farm Bureau Ins. Co., et al.

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be used to |
| 3 | pay the consent judgment entitled Johnny Vasquez et al. versus Farm Bureau |
| 4 | Insurance Company et al. between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of |
| 5 | Transportation and Development, and Johnny Vasquez and Sayonora Vasquez, |
| 6 | individually and on behalf of their minor children; to provide for an effective date; |
| 7 | and to provide for related matters. |
| 8 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 9 | Section 1. The sum of Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$25,000) Dollars is |
| 10 | hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for |
| 11 | payment of the consent judgment entitled Johnny Vasquez et al. versus Farm Bureau |
| 12 | Insurance Company et al., signed on November 24, 2021, between the state of Louisiana, |
| 13 | through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Johnny Vasquez and |
| 14 | Sayonora Ivette Vasquez, individually and on behalf of their minor children, bearing |
| 15 | Number C-20143510 K, on the docket of the Fifteenth Judicial District, parish of Lafayette, |
| 16 | state of Louisiana. |
| 17 | Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and |
| 18 | shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the |
| 19 | judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the |

provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in

- 1 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after
- 2 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,
- 3 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest

4 shall cease to run as of that date.

- 5 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
- 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
- 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
- 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 9 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Appropriates \$25,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2023-2024 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Johnny Vasquez, et al. v. Farm Bureau Ins. Co., et al., bearing No. C-20143510 K, on the docket of the 15th Judicial District, parish of Lafayette.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between the judgment and <u>proposed law</u>. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.