

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 402

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Wendy Bueso Bonilla et al. versus Big Buck's Truck Center

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to be used to  
3 pay the consent judgment captioned "Wendy Bueso Bonilla, individually and on  
4 behalf of Geovanni Zuniga (Deceased) Vs. Big Buck's Truck Center" between the  
5 state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and  
6 Wendy Bueso Bonilla individually and on behalf of her minor daughters Ashley  
7 Stephanie Zuniga and Natalie Vanessa Zuniga and her minor son Michael Francisco  
8 Zuniga; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. The sum of Six Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$600,000) Dollars is  
11 hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for  
12 payment of the consent judgment captioned "Wendy Bueso Bonilla, individually and on  
13 behalf of Geovanni Zuniga (Deceased) Vs. Big Buck's Truck Center", signed on July 28,  
14 2022, between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and  
15 Development and Wendy Bueso Bonilla individually and on behalf of her minor daughters  
16 Ashley Stephanie Zuniga and Natalie Vanessa Zuniga and her minor son Michael Francisco  
17 Zuniga, bearing Number 628,983, Division 27, on the docket of the Nineteenth Judicial  
18 District, parish of East Baton Rouge, state of Louisiana.

19 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and  
20 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the

1 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the  
2 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in  
3 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after  
4 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,  
5 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest  
6 shall cease to run as of that date.

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

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#### DIGEST

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

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