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HOUSE BILL NO. 59

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BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of a consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Randall Clint Lewis v. State of La. et al.

AN ACT

2 Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the 3 consent judgment captioned "Randall Clint Lewis versus State of Louisiana, through 4 the Department of Transportation and Development, et al" between the state of 5 Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Randall 6 Clint Lewis; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. The sum of Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$20,000) Dollars is hereby 9 payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for payment of the 10 consent judgment captioned "Randall Clint Lewis versus State of Louisiana, through the 11 Department of Transportation and Development, et al", signed on January 3, 2025, between 12 the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and 13 Randall Clint Lewis, bearing Number 49,930, on the docket of the Third Judicial District, 14 parish of Union, state of Louisiana. 15 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and 16 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the 17 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the 18 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in 19 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after 20 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further, HLS 25RS-576

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1 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest

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

## **DIGEST**

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Appropriates \$20,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2024-2025 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Randall Clint Lewis v. State of La. et al., bearing No. 49,930, on the docket of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, parish of Union.

<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.