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2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of certain consent judgments against the state in the suit entitled Grayson Frost and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett v. La. Dept. of Transportation and Development et al.

AN ACT

2 To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be used to 3 pay certain consent judgments rendered against the state, through the Department of 4 Transportation and Development, in the claims against the state entitled Grayson 5 Frost and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett v. Louisiana Department of Transportation and 6 Development, et al.; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related 7 matters. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. The sum of Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Four and 41/100 10 (\$41,504.41) is hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2023-11 2024 for payment of the following consent judgments rendered against the state, through the 12 Department of Transportation and Development, in the following claims against the state: 13 (A) Out of the total amount of the appropriation, Twenty-Two Thousand Eight 14 Hundred Seventy-Five and 22/100 (\$22,875.22) Dollars is hereby payable for payment of 15 the consent judgment captioned "Grayson Frost and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett versus 16 Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development and Jatavious Logwood, Steven 17 Frost and GoAuto Insurance Company", signed on June 8, 2022, between the state of 18 Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Cynthia 19 Wheeler Gossett, bearing Number 20-0932, on the docket of the Fourth Judicial District, 20 parish of Ouachita, state of Louisiana.

1 (B) Out of the total amount of the appropriation, Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred 2 Twenty-Nine and 19/100 (\$18,629.19) Dollars is hereby payable for payment of the consent 3 judgment captioned "Grayson Frost and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett versus Louisiana 4 Department of Transportation & Development and Jatavious Logwood, Steven Frost and GoAuto Insurance Company", signed on June 8, 2022, between the state of Louisiana, 5 6 through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Grayson Frost, bearing Number 20-0932, on the docket of the Fourth Judicial District, parish of Ouachita, state of 7 8 Louisiana. 9 Section 2. Each judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and 10 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the 11 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the 12 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in 13 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after 14 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further, 15 each judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and 16 interest shall cease to run as of that date. 17 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 21 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Appropriates \$41,504.41 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2023-2024 for payment of the following consent judgments against the state:

(1) \$22,875.22 for payment of the consent judgment captioned "Grayson Frost and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett versus Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development and Jatavious Logwood, Steven Frost and GoAuto Insurance Company", between the state of Louisiana, through the Dept. of Transportation and Development, and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett, bearing Number 20-0932, on the docket of the 4th Judicial District, parish of Ouachita.

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(2) \$18,629.19 for payment of the consent judgment captioned "Grayson Frost and Cynthia Wheeler Gossett versus Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development and Jatavious Logwood, Steven Frost and GoAuto Insurance Company", between the state of Louisiana, through the Dept. of Transportation and Development, and Grayson Frost, bearing Number 20-0932, on the docket of the 4th Judicial District, parish of Ouachita.

<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.