

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

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

1 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 "Sharon Wilkerson versus State of Louisiana, the  
4 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the City of Baton  
5 Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge" between the state of Louisiana, through the  
6 Department of Transportation and Development, and Sharon Wilkerson; to provide  
7 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. The sum of Forty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000) Dollars is hereby  
10 payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for payment of the  
11 consent judgment captioned "Sharon Wilkerson versus State of Louisiana, the Louisiana  
12 Department of Transportation and Development and the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East  
13 Baton Rouge", signed on January 4, 2024, between the state of Louisiana, through the  
14 Department of Transportation and Development, and Sharon Wilkerson, bearing Number  
15 C-685,939, Section 21/D, on the docket of the Nineteenth Judicial District, parish of East  
16 Baton Rouge, 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  
20 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in  
21 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after

1 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,  
2 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest  
3 shall cease to run as of that date.

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

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DIGEST

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HB 104 Original

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McFarland

Appropriates \$45,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2024-2025 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled "Sharon Wilkerson v. State of La. et al.", bearing No. C-685,939, Section 21/D, on the docket of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, parish of East Baton Rouge.

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.