

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

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

1 AN ACT

2 To provide relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used
3 to pay the consent judgment captioned "Ronnie Rogers and Andrea Rogers,
4 individually and on behalf of their minor child, Hayley Rogers versus Richard A.
5 Dantin on behalf of his minor child, Olivia Elizabeth Dantin; Geico Casualty
6 Company, the State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and
7 Development, and the Parish of Jefferson" between the state of Louisiana, through
8 the Department of Transportation and Development, and Hayley Rogers, Ronnie
9 Rogers, and Andrea Rogers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
10 related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. The sum of Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$400,000.00) Dollars
13 is hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for
14 payment of the consent judgment captioned "Ronnie Rogers and Andrea Rogers,
15 individually and on behalf of their minor child, Hayley Rogers versus Richard A. Dantin on
16 behalf of his minor child, Olivia Elizabeth Dantin; Geico Casualty Company, the State of
17 Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development, and the Parish of
18 Jefferson", signed on March 20, 2025, between the state of Louisiana, through the
19 Department of Transportation and Development, and Hayley Rogers, Ronnie Rogers, and
20 Andrea Rogers, bearing Number 777-197, Division B, on the docket of the Twenty-Fourth
21 Judicial District, parish of Jefferson, state of Louisiana.

1 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and
 2 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the
 3 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the
 4 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in
 5 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after
 6 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,
 7 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest
 8 shall cease to run as of that date.

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

DIGEST

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Appropriates \$400,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2024-2025 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled "Ronnie Rogers et al. v. Richard A. Dantin on behalf of his minor child, Olivia Elizabeth Dantin et al.," bearing No. 777-197, Division B, on the docket of the 24th Judicial District, parish of Jefferson.

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.