

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 210

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of judgment in the matter of "Jessica L. Varnell and Eric W. Varnell, individually and on behalf of their minor child, Cassidy Varnell, and Eric W. Varnell, as Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Delaine Cousson"

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2013-
3 2014 to be used to pay the consent judgment in the suit entitled "Jessica L. Varnell
4 and Eric W. Varnell, individually and on behalf of their minor child, Cassidy
5 Varnell, and Eric W. Varnell, as Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Delaine
6 Cousson v. State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development"; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. The sum of Eight Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$800,000.00) Dollars
10 is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year
11 2013-2014 to be apportioned and paid as follows: Four Hundred Forty Thousand and
12 No/100 (\$440,000.00) Dollars to Jessica L. Varnell and Eric W. Varnell, on behalf of their
13 minor child, Cassidy Varnell and their attorneys, Louis V. Champagne and Michael J.
14 Mestayer, APLC, One Hundred Eighty Thousand and No/100 (\$180,000.00) Dollars to
15 Jessica L. Varnell, individually, and her attorneys, Louis V. Champagne and Michael J.
16 Mestayer, APLC, and One Hundred Eighty Thousand and No/100 (\$180,000.00) Dollars to
17 Eric W. Varnell, individually, and his attorneys, Louis V. Champagne and Michael J.
18 Mestayer, APLC, to be used to pay the consent judgment in the suit entitled "Jessica L.
19 Varnell and Eric W. Varnell, individually and on behalf of their minor child, Cassidy
20 Varnell, and Eric W. Varnell, as Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Delaine Cousson v.

1 State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development", bearing Number C-
2 25957 on the docket of the Thirty-Seventh Judicial District Court, parish of Caldwell, state
3 of Louisiana.

4 Section 2. The sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five and
5 52/100 (\$102,945.52) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the state of
6 Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to be paid to the Department of Health and Hospitals
7 for medicaid reimbursement in the suit entitled "Jessica L. Varnell and Eric W. Varnell,
8 individually and on behalf of their minor child, Cassidy Varnell, and Eric W. Varnell, as
9 Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Delaine Cousson v. State of Louisiana, Department
10 of Transportation and Development", bearing Number C-25957 on the docket of the Thirty-
11 Seventh Judicial District Court, parish of Caldwell, state of Louisiana.

12 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the governor
13 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
14 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Appropriates from the state general fund for FY 2013-2014 the sum of \$880,000, plus \$102,945.52 Medicaid reimbursement, to pay the consent judgment in "Jessica L. Varnell and Eric W. Varnell, et al v. St. La., DOTD", bearing No. C-25957 on the docket of the 37th JDC, parish of Caldwell.

Effective July 1, 2013.