

Florida House of Representatives
Committee on Civil Justice & Claims
Summary Claim Bill Report

Bill #: HB 1769
Sponsor(s): Representative Bradley
References: Civil Justice & Claims
Companion Bill(s): SB 1506 by Senator Forman

A. Basic Information

- 1. Claimant:** Tirini S. Riley (a minor)
- 2. Respondent:** South Broward Hospital District d.b.a. Memorial Hospital
- 3. Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000
- 4. Type of Claim:** EXCESS JUDGMENT CLAIM/CONSENT JUDGMENT
- 5. Respondent's Posture:** The respondent has agreed to the settlement
- 6. Collateral Sources:** None apparent.
- 7. Prior Legislative History:** None

B. Procedural Summary: The South Broward Hospital District and the claimant agreed to a settlement of \$1,100,000. The Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit entered a consent judgment for that amount. To date, the district has paid its statutory obligation of \$100,000. HB 1769 would require the South Broward Hospital District to pay the outstanding balance on the consent judgment.

C. Facts of the Case: Four-year old Tirini Riley suffered from tracheostenosis, a narrowing of the trachea which restricted breathing. On July 27, 1993, she was admitted to Hollywood Memorial Hospital to undergo a laryngotracheoplasty, a procedure designed to alleviate this condition. During recovery, Tirini Riley suffered cardiopulmonary arrest, resulting from a blockage of the endotracheal tube. She has been left in a state of static encephalopathy (a condition which prevents her from responding to her environment), and requires around-the-clock care.

LRS: _____ **LRD:** _____ **Date:** April 14, 1997
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