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

Bill #: HB 3079
Sponsor: Representative Andrews
References: Civil Justice & Claims
Companion Bill: SB 56, by Senator Klein

A. Basic Information:

1. **Claimant:** Julie McGinnes
2. **Respondent:** Palm Beach County
3. **Amount Requested:** \$1,025,000
4. **Type of Claim:** PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT
5. **Respondent's Position:** Agrees to claim bill.
6. **Collecteral Sources:** \$1.2 million from co-defendants.
7. **Prior Legislative History:** None

B. Procedural Summary: Claimant filed a negligence action for injuries sustained in an automotive accident against Palm Beach County, Florida Power & Light, Loggers Run Homeowner Association, and the driver of the other vehicle involved in the accident. During pre-trial mediation the action against all parties was settled.

C. Facts of the Case: In 1993, claimant, an 18-year old community college student was severely injured in an accident at an intersection in Palm Beach County that had a history of traffic problems. Claimant was not at fault. Claimant sustained a severe closed-head injury and was comatose for three weeks. She has permanent neurological injury and is partially paralyzed.

SM: _____ **LRD:** _____ **Date:** March 7, 1998

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