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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Rodriguez moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 46 - 81

and insert:

Section 2. The sum of \$1.5 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the relief of Cristina Alvarez as compensation for the death of her son, Nicholas Patnode, a minor, due to the negligence of the Martin County Health Department.

Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to draw a warrant in favor of Cristina Alvarez in the sum of \$1.5



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12 million upon funds of the Department of Health in the State
13 Treasury, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to pay the
14 same out of such funds in the State Treasury.

15 Section 4. The sum of \$900,000 is appropriated from the
16 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the relief
17 of George Patnode as compensation for the death of his son,
18 Nicholas Patnode, a minor, due to the negligence of the Martin
19 County Health Department.

20 Section 5. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to draw
21 a warrant in favor of George Patnode in the sum of \$900,000 upon
22 funds of the Department of Health in the State Treasury, and the
23 Chief Financial Officer is directed to pay the same out of such
24 funds in the State Treasury.

25 Section 6. The governmental entity responsible for payment
26 of the warrants shall pay to the Agency for Health Care
27 Administration the amount due under s. 409.910, Florida
28 Statutes, before disbursing any funds to the claimants. The
29 amount due to the agency shall be equal to all unreimbursed
30 medical payments paid by Medicaid up to the date on which this
31 act becomes a law. Such amounts shall be deducted in equal
32 amounts from the award to each parent.

33 Section 7. The amount paid by the Department of Health
34 pursuant to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the amounts awarded
35 under this act are intended to provide the sole compensation for
36 all present and future claims arising out of the factual
37 situation described in this act which resulted in the death of
38 Nicholas Patnode. Of the amount awarded under this act, the
39 total amount paid for attorney fees may not exceed \$300,000, the
40 total amount paid for lobbying fees may not exceed \$75,000, and



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41 the total amount paid for costs and other similar expenses
42 relating to this claim may not exceed \$2,080.64.

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45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete lines 7 - 8

47 and insert:

48 providing limitations on the payment of fees and

49 costs; providing an effective date.