COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 985 (2022)

Amendment No.1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)
OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Beltran offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 53-83 and insert:

one person which exceeds the sum of \$500,000 \$200,000 or any 7 claim or judgment, or portions thereof, which, when totaled with 8 all other claims or judgments paid by the state or its agencies or subdivisions arising out of the same incident or occurrence, 9 exceeds the sum of \$1,000,000 \$300,000. However, a judgment or judgments may be claimed and rendered in excess of these amounts and may be settled and paid pursuant to this section act up to \$500,000 \$200,000 or \$1,000,000, as applicable. The \$300,000, as the case may be; and that portion of the judgment that exceeds these amounts may be reported to the Legislature, and but may be paid in part or in whole only by further act of the Legislature. 16 703173 - h0985-line53.docx

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17 (b) Notwithstanding the limited waiver of sovereign 18 immunity provided in paragraph (a) herein, the state or an 19 agency or a political subdivision of the state thereof may agree within the limits of insurance coverage provided, to 20 21 settle a claim made or a judgment rendered against it in excess 22 of the waiver provided in paragraph (a) without further action 23 by the Legislature., but The state or an agency or a 24 subdivision thereof may shall not be deemed to have waived any 25 defense of sovereign immunity or to have increased the limits of its liability as a result of its obtaining insurance 26 27 coverage for tortious acts in excess of the \$200,000 or 28 \$300,000 waiver provided in paragraph (a) above. An insurance 29 policy may not condition the payment of benefits, in whole or 30 in part, on the enactment of a claim bill.

31 <u>(c)</u> The limitations of liability set forth in this 32 subsection shall apply to the state and its agencies and 33 subdivisions whether or not the state or its agencies or 34 subdivisions possessed sovereign immunity before July 1, 1974.

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