

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Special Master on Claim Bills**

**CS/SB 26 — Relief of Kristen and Lia McIntosh by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Gruters

The bill appropriates \$2.252 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the relief of Kristen and Lia McIntosh for injuries and damages sustained due to the negligence of an employee of the department's Law Enforcement Division. The bill directs the Chief Financial Officer to pay \$1.001 million of such funds to Kristen McIntosh and \$1.251 million to Elizabeth Thornton, as parent and natural guardian of Lia McIntosh, a minor child. The funds for Lia McIntosh must be placed in a trust created for her exclusive use and benefit.

The attorney fees may not exceed 25 percent of the total amount awarded under the bill.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0*