



1 Dollars, plus interest on the sum from the date of judicial demand until paid as provided by  
2 law and the judgment, is hereby payable for the portion of the judgment against the state of  
3 Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and in favor of  
4 Dawn Marie DePedro.

5 Section 3. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this Act, an amount equal to  
6 the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three and 54/100  
7 (\$298,493.54) Dollars, plus interest on the sum from the date of judicial demand until paid  
8 as provided by law and the judgment, is hereby payable for the portion of the judgment  
9 against the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development,  
10 and in favor of Kamden DePedro.

11 Section 4. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this Act, an amount equal to  
12 the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three and 54/100  
13 (\$298,493.54) Dollars, plus interest on the sum from the date of judicial demand until paid  
14 as provided by law and the judgment, is hereby payable for the portion of the judgment  
15 against the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development,  
16 and in favor of Dawn Marie DePedro on behalf of her minor child, Alianna DePedro.

17 Section 5. A judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and shall  
18 be paid as to principal, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the judgment.  
19 Interest shall be paid as provided by law and awarded in the judgment. If the provisions of  
20 the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the judgment shall  
21 be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in conflict with the provisions of the  
22 judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after presentation to the state treasurer  
23 of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further, the judgment shall be deemed to  
24 have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest shall cease to run as of that date.

25 Section 6. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
26 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
27 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
28 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
29 effective on the day following such approval.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 1075 Original

2026 Regular Session

Ventrella

Appropriates \$1,610,493.43 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2025-2026 for payment of the judgment against the state in the suit captioned Dawn Marie DePedro et al. v. State of La., through the Dept. of Transportation and Development, bearing No. 127,022, Division B, on the docket of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, parish of Ascension.

Of the amount appropriated, allocates \$1,013,506.35, plus judicial interest to Dawn Marie DePedro; \$298,493.54, plus judicial interest to Kamden DePedro; and \$298,493.54, plus judicial interest to Dawn Marie DePedro on behalf of her minor child, Alianna DePedro.

Proposed law provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between judgment and proposed law.

Effective upon the signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.