

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 561

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of judgment in the matter of "Gerald L. Blow, Traci L. Newsom, individually and on behalf of her minor child Emily Johnson v. State of Louisiana, through the DOTD and Richard W. Suhm"

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2015-
3 2016 to be used to pay the consent judgment in the suit entitled "Gerald L. Blow,
4 Traci L. Newsom, individually and on behalf of her minor child Emily Johnson v.
5 State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development and
6 Richard W. Suhm"; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six
9 and 53/100 (\$119,876.53) Dollars in favor of plaintiff, Traci L. Newsom, also known as
10 Traci Cook, individually; and the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and No/100
11 (\$19,200.00) Dollars in favor of plaintiff, Gerald Blow, are hereby appropriated out of the
12 General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to be used to pay the
13 consent judgment in the suit entitled "Gerald L. Blow, Traci L. Newsom, individually and
14 on behalf of her minor child Emily Johnson v. State of Louisiana, through the Department
15 of Transportation and Development and Richard W. Suhm", bearing Number 2013-10709C
16 on the docket of the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court, parish of St. Tammany, state of
17 Louisiana.

18 Section 2. The sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and 47/100
19 (\$10,523.47) Dollars, is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the state of
20 Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to be paid to the Department of Health and Hospitals

1 for medicaid reimbursement in the suit entitled "Gerald L. Blow, Traci L. Newsom,
2 individually and on behalf of her minor child Emily Johnson v. State of Louisiana, through
3 the Department of Transportation and Development and Richard W. Suhm", bearing Number
4 2013-10709C on the docket of the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court, parish of St.
5 Tammany, state of Louisiana.

6 Section 3. The sum of Four Hundred and No/100 (\$400.00) Dollars, is hereby
7 appropriated out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to
8 be paid to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana through its subrogation recovery agent Xerox
9 Recovery Services for medicaid claims in the suit entitled "Gerald L. Blow, Traci L.
10 Newsom, individually and on behalf of her minor child Emily Johnson v. State of Louisiana,
11 through the Department of Transportation and Development and Richard W. Suhm", bearing
12 Number 2013-10709C on the docket of the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court, parish
13 of St. Tammany, state of Louisiana.

14 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015; if vetoed by the governor
15 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
16 2015, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Appropriates from the state general fund for FY 15-16 the sum of \$119,876.53 in favor of plaintiff, Traci L. Newsom also known as Traci Cook, the sum of \$19,200 in favor of plaintiff, Gerald Blow, \$10,523.47 to the Dept. of Health & Hospitals for Medicaid reimbursement and \$400 to AmeriHealth Caritas La. through its subrogation recovery agent Xerox Recovery Services for Medicaid claims, to pay the consent judgment in "Gerald L. Blow, Traci L. Newsom, individually and on behalf of her minor child Emily Johnson v. St. of La., through the Dept. of Transportation and Development and Richard W. Suhm", bearing No. 2013-10709C on the docket of the 22nd Judicial District Court, parish of St. Tammany.

Effective July 1, 2015.