

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Kevin Brent Fontenot v. State of Louisiana

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to be used to
3 pay the consent judgment captioned "Kevin Brent Fontenot versus State of
4 Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development" between the
5 State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development and
6 Kevin Brent Fontenot; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide
7 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. The sum of one hundred fifty thousand and no/100 (\$150,000) dollars is
10 hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for
11 payment of the consent judgment captioned "Kevin Brent Fontenot versus State of
12 Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development", signed on August
13 12, 2020, between the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and
14 Development and Kevin Brent Fontenot bearing Number 66,908 "B" on the docket of the
15 Tenth Judicial District Court, parish of Natchitoches, state of Louisiana.

16 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and
17 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the
18 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the
19 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in
20 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after

1 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,
2 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest
3 shall cease to run as of that date.

4 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Appropriates \$150,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2021-2022 for payment of the consent judgment captioned "Kevin Brent Fontenot versus State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development", bearing No. 66,908 "B" on the docket of the 10th JDC, parish of Natchitoches.

Proposed law provides requirements for payment from the state treasury. Provides contingencies in case of conflict between judgment and proposed law. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of proposed law.

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