

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for the payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit captioned Angela Melerine et al. v. DOTD

1 AN ACT
2 Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the
3 consent judgment captioned "Angela Melerine, Wife of/and Eric Melerine, Jr. versus
4 State of Louisiana DOTD, St. Bernard Parish Government, The Contreras Sanctuary,
5 LLC and Ancient Oaks Holdings, LLC" between the state of Louisiana, through the
6 Department of Transportation and Development, and Angela Melerine, Wife of/and
7 Eric Melerine, Jr.; to provide 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 Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100
10 (\$375,000.00) Dollars is hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal
11 Year 2025-2026 for payment of the consent judgment captioned "Angela Melerine, Wife
12 of/and Eric Melerine, Jr. versus State of Louisiana DOTD, St. Bernard Parish Government,
13 The Contreras Sanctuary, LLC and Ancient Oaks Holdings, LLC", signed on January 27,
14 2026, between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and
15 Development, and Angela Melerine, Wife of/and Eric Melerine, Jr., bearing number 19-
16 0745, Division E, on the docket of the Thirty-Fourth Judicial District, parish of St. Bernard,
17 state of Louisiana.

18 Section 2. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this Act, an amount equal to
19 the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 (\$337,500.00)
20 Dollars is hereby payable for the portion of the judgment against the state of Louisiana,

