2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit captioned Shelia Ann Brooks v. Mebrahtom et al.

AN ACT

Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the consent judgment captioned "Shelia Ann Brooks versus Abraham Mebrahtom, Yam Trucking, LLC, Alpine Transportation Insurance Risk Retention Group, Inc., Dart Transit Company or AdvantageTransportation, Inc., DBA Dart Advantage Logistics, Joshua Knox, Kendrix Darnell or Kendrick Rogers, Brown Freightways, Inc., Fedex Ground Package System, Inc., Samuel Oludayo DBA Samco Trucking, Protective Insurance Company, the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, City-Parish of Baton Rouge, and the Baton Rouge Police Department" between the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Shelia Ann Brooks; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The sum of Ten Thousand and No/100 ($10,000.00) Dollars is hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for payment of the consent judgment captioned "Shelia Ann Brooks versus Abraham Mebrahtom, Yam Trucking, LLC, Alpine Transportation Insurance Risk Retention Group, Inc., Dart Transit Company or AdvantageTransportation, Inc., DBA Dart Advantage Logistics, Joshua Knox, Kendrix Darnell or Kendrick Rogers, Brown Freightways, Inc., Fedex Ground Package System, Inc., Samuel Oludayo DBA Samco Trucking, Protective Insurance Company, the

State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, City-Parish of Baton Rouge, and the Baton Rouge Police Department", signed on November 19, 2025, between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, and Shelia Ann Brooks, bearing number C-719927, Section 26, on the docket of the Nineteenth Judicial District, parish of East Baton Rouge, state of Louisiana.

Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further, the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest shall cease to run as of that date.

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

DIGEST

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Appropriates $10,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2025-2026 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit captioned Brooks v. Mebrahtom et al., bearing No. C-719927, Section 26, on the docket of the 19th Judicial District, parish of East Baton Rouge.

Proposed law provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between judgment and proposed law. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of proposed law.

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