

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit captioned Alvin J. Clouatre, Jr. v. Eagle, Inc. et al.

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 "Alvin J. Clouatre, Jr. versus Eagle, Inc., et al" between

4 the state of Louisiana, through the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State

5 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, on behalf of LSU Health

6 Sciences Center - New Orleans (f/k/a Charity Hospital at New Orleans), and Alvin

7 J. Clouatre, 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 Forty Thousand and No/100 (\$40,000.00) Dollars is hereby

10 payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for payment of the

11 consent judgment captioned "Alvin J. Clouatre, Jr. versus Eagle, Inc., et al", signed on

12 October 9, 2025, between the state of Louisiana, through the Board of Supervisors of

13 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, on behalf of LSU

14 Health Sciences Center - New Orleans (f/k/a Charity Hospital at New Orleans), and Alvin

15 J. Clouatre, Jr., bearing Number 2024-09982, Division I-5, on the docket of the Civil District

16 Court, parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana.

17 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and

18 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the

19 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the

20 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in

1 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after  
2 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,  
3 the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest  
4 shall cease to run as of that date.

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

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#### DIGEST

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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.