

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 404

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER AND SENATOR WOMACK

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Kimberlie Chellette Ridley, et al. v. Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to be used to  
3 pay the consent judgment captioned "Kimberlie Chellette Ridley, Joan Denise Ridley  
4 and Kurstin Ridley versus Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development"  
5 between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and  
6 Development, and Kimberlie Chellette Ridley, Joan Denise Ridley, and Kurstin  
7 Ridley; 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 One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$165,000.00)  
10 Dollars is hereby payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
11 for payment of the consent judgment captioned "Kimberlie Chellette Ridley, Joan Denise  
12 Ridley and Kurstin Ridley versus Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development",  
13 signed on November 16, 2018, between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of  
14 Transportation and Development, and Kimberlie Chellette Ridley, Joan Denise Ridley, and  
15 Kurstin Ridley, bearing Number 38,212 on the docket of the Fifth Judicial District, parish  
16 of Franklin, 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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HB 404 Original

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Appropriates \$165,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2023-2024 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Kimberlie Chellette Ridley, et al. v. Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, bearing No. 38,212 on the docket of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, parish of Franklin.

Proposed law provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between the 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.