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An act relating to Broward County; providing for the relief of Tirini S. Riley, a minor, for injuries sustained arising out of an accident that occurred while she was a patient of the South Broward Hospital District, d/b/a Memorial Hospital; specifying use of the funds; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, on July 27, 1993, an accident occurred to Tirini S. Riley, a minor, who was a patient of the South Broward Hospital District, d/b/a Memorial Hospital, and

WHEREAS, as a result of that accident, Tirini S. Riley sustained serious injury that formed the basis of legal action brought by Beverly A. Riley, individually and as natural parent and guardian of Tirini S. Riley, and by Earnest E. Richardson, individually and as father of Tirini S. Riley, and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1996, a consent judgment in the amount of \$1,100,000 was entered in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, against the South Broward Hospital District, d/b/a Memorial Hospital, and in favor of Beverly A. Riley, as natural parent and guardian of Tirini S. Riley, for the benefit of Tirini S. Riley, and

WHEREAS, the consent judgment noted that execution would issue with respect to the sum of \$100,000 pursuant to the statutory limitation of liability contained in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the consent judgment provided that the payment of the sum of \$1,000,000 would be made only in accordance with the law applicable to claim bills, and further provided that

1 the amount of the judgment was fully inclusive of all claims
2 for damages, litigation costs, and attorney's fees and would
3 not accrue interest until 30 days after such a claim bill
4 became law, and

5 WHEREAS, South Broward Hospital District fully supports
6 the passage of a claim bill for this claim in the amount of
7 \$1,000,000, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this
12 act are found and declared to be true.

13 Section 2. The South Broward Hospital District, d/b/a
14 Memorial Hospital, is authorized and directed to appropriate
15 from funds of the hospital district not otherwise appropriated
16 and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$1,000,000, with no
17 interest thereon, payable to Beverly A. Riley, as natural
18 parent and guardian of Tirini S. Riley, a minor, for the
19 benefit of Tirini S. Riley for injuries and damages sustained
20 as a result of an accident that occurred while said minor was
21 a patient of the hospital. After payment of statutory attorney
22 fees, and costs, the balance shall be paid into the existing
23 Special Needs Trust Fund established for Tirini S. Riley.
24 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 409.910, Florida
25 Statutes, the lien provided therein shall be in accordance
26 with the terms of the existing Special Needs Trust Fund.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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