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2 An act relating to Dade County; providing for
3 the relief of Jeanette Alonso, a minor, for
4 injuries sustained as a result of the conduct
5 of the Public Health Trust of Dade County,
6 d.b.a. Jackson Memorial Hospital; providing for
7 payment by the Public Health Trust of Dade
8 County, d.b.a. Jackson Memorial Hospital;
9 specifying use of the funds; providing an
10 effective date.

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12 WHEREAS, on September 13, 1990, two-week-old Jeanette
13 Alonso was taken by her mother to Jackson Memorial Hospital
14 for care and treatment of an infection, and

15 WHEREAS, Jeanette Alonso was admitted with a diagnosis
16 of "rule out sepsis," and

17 WHEREAS, Jeanette Alonso, while a patient in Jackson
18 Memorial Hospital, suffered from documented hyponatremia or
19 low blood-sodium levels for prolonged periods of time and from
20 uncontrolled and untreated seizures, and

21 WHEREAS, Jeanette Alonso has suffered irreversible
22 brain damage, including partial brain death and cortical
23 blindness, and requires constant care and supervision, and

24 WHEREAS, on November 20, 1992, a complaint was filed on
25 behalf of Jeanette Alonso in Circuit Court for Dade County,
26 Case Number 92-21466 CA 01-03, and

27 WHEREAS, on July 22, 1997, a Final Agreed Judgment was
28 entered by the Circuit Court in the amount of \$4,000,000, and

29 WHEREAS, Jackson Memorial Hospital has paid to Jeanette
30 Alonso's legal representatives and court-appointed guardian of
31 her property the sum of \$200,000, and

1 WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust of Dade County, d.b.a.
2 Jackson Memorial Hospital, and Jeanette Alonso, through her
3 legal representatives, have agreed to the passage of this
4 claim bill for \$3,800,000, which represents the remaining
5 amount of the claim, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

11 Section 2. The Public Health Trust of Dade County,
12 d.b.a. Jackson Memorial Hospital, is authorized and directed
13 to appropriate from funds of the Public Health Trust not
14 otherwise appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of
15 \$3,800,000, payable to the court-appointed guardian of the
16 property of Jeanette Alonso and her legal representatives, to
17 compensate her for the injuries and damages she suffered.
18 After payment of statutory attorney fees, and costs, the
19 balance shall be paid into the existing Special Needs Trust
20 Fund established for Jeanette Alonso. Notwithstanding the
21 provisions of section 409.910, Florida Statutes, the lien
22 provided therein shall be in accordance with the terms of the
23 existing Special Needs Trust Fund.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
25 law.

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