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**DATE:** April 2, 1999

**Bill #:** HB 1747  
**Sponsor:** Representative Bullard  
**Reference:** Claims Committee  
**Companion Bill:** None

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**A. Basic Information:**

- 1. Claimants:** Clarice Holland, individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Sidney Holland, Jr., deceased.
- 2. Respondent:** South Broward Hospital District.
- 3. Amount Requested:** \$1,682,500.
- 4. Type of Claim:** Settlement.
- 5. Respondent's Position:** Agrees to settlement.
- 6. Collateral Sources:** None.
- 7. Prior Legislative History:** None.

**B. Procedural Summary:** Clarice Holland, as personal representative of the Estate of Sidney Holland, Jr., deceased, sued the South Broward Hospital District for wrongful death as a result of a negligent surgical procedure performed at the Memorial Regional Hospital. Prior to trial, the parties agreed to mediation, and reached a settlement which resulted in the entry of a consent judgment against the South Broward Hospital District in the amount of \$1,882,500. The judgement was ordered on February 2, 1999. The South Broward Hospital District has already paid \$200,000 of the settlement, leaving \$1,682,500 to be paid pursuant to the claims bill.

**C. Facts of Case:** In 1995, Sidney Holland, Jr., then 45 years old, was admitted to Memorial Regional Hospital to remove a genetic malformation from his brain. Due to apparent surgical error, Mr. Holland's brain hemorrhaged; he fell into a coma and vegetative state which continued until his death in 1998. Prior to his death, Mr. Holland was a 23-year employee of CSX Railroad, and was employed until the date of his surgery. Clarice Holland, Mr. Holland's wife of 22 years, is the Personal Representative of his estate; both the Holland children attend college: Jamal is an engineering student at Southern University, and Jamia is a freshman at Florida State University.

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