

By the Committee on Claims and Representatives Cantens,
Rayson, Suarez and Hill

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Miami-Dade County; providing
3 for the relief of Frank J. Ruck, Jr., and
4 Marlene G. Ruck, individually and as Personal
5 Representatives of the Estate of Christopher F.
6 Ruck; providing for an appropriation to
7 compensate them for the death of Christopher F.
8 Ruck as a result of the negligence of
9 Miami-Dade County; providing an effective date.
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11 WHEREAS, on June 16, 1996, Christopher F. Ruck was
12 riding his bicycle in Miami Beach, Florida, and
13 WHEREAS, while riding his bicycle in a lawful manner,
14 Christopher Ruck was struck and killed by a Miami-Dade bus,
15 and
16 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has admitted that the bus
17 driver was 100 percent at fault for the accident and the death
18 of Christopher Ruck, and
19 WHEREAS, Christopher Ruck was survived by his parents,
20 Frank Ruck and Marlene Ruck, and
21 WHEREAS, Frank Ruck and Marlene Ruck, parents of
22 Christopher Ruck, brought suit against Miami-Dade County, and
23 WHEREAS, prior to trial Miami-Dade County and the
24 plaintiffs agreed to a compromise settlement in the amount of
25 \$1,000,000, and
26 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has paid \$200,000 to Frank
27 Ruck and Marlene Ruck, pursuant to the limits of liability set
28 forth in s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and agrees to support a
29 claim bill in the amount of \$800,000, NOW, THEREFORE,
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31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

1 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this
2 act are found and declared to be true.
3 Section 2. Miami-Dade County is authorized and
4 directed to appropriate from funds of the county not otherwise
5 appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$800,000
6 payable to Frank J. Ruck, Jr., and Marlene G. Ruck, as
7 Personal Representatives of the Estate of Christopher F. Ruck,
8 as compensation for the death of Christopher F. Ruck due to
9 the negligence of Miami-Dade County.
10 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.
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