

By Representative Ball

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to litigation settlements;
3 amending s. 69.081, F.S.; revising the Sunshine
4 in Litigation Act to remove an exception for
5 certain municipal or county settlements;
6 repealing s. 164.106, F.S., relating to public
7 hearing or meeting before settlement with
8 respect to certain municipal or county
9 settlements; providing an effective date.
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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 69.081, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:
15 69.081 Sunshine in litigation; concealment of public
16 hazards prohibited.--
17 (9) A governmental entity, ~~except a municipality or~~
18 ~~county,~~ that settles a claim in tort which requires the
19 expenditure of public funds in excess of \$5,000, shall provide
20 notice, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 50, of
21 such settlement, in the county in which the claim arose,
22 within 60 days of entering into such settlement; provided that
23 no notice shall be required if the settlement has been
24 approved by a court of competent jurisdiction.
25 Section 2. Section 164.106, Florida Statutes, is
26 repealed.
27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Includes municipal and county settlements requiring the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$5000 within the Sunshine in Litigation Act. Repeals s. 164.106, F.S., which requires a public hearing or meeting before the settlement of described cases by a municipality or county