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**Florida House of Representatives
Committee on Claims
Summary Claim Bill Report**

Bill #: HB 1557
Sponsor: Claims
Companion Bill: SB 40 by Senator Mitchell
Special Master: Thomas R. Tedcastle

A. Basic Information:

1. Claimants:

Jason Crosby

2. Respondent:

City of Tallahassee

3. Amount Requested:

\$200,000 in addition to \$200,000 paid

4. Type of Claim:

Settlement

5. Respondent's Position:

City of Tallahassee has agreed to the settlement

6. Collateral Sources:

Claimant has received \$25,000 from insurance carrier for third party (policy limits), plus \$10,000 in personal injury protection coverage and \$100,000 uninsured motorist coverage from his own policy. Claimant receives \$520 in monthly Social Security disability benefits.

7. Prior Legislative History:

None.

B. Procedural Summary: This claim involves a complaint for negligence brought against the City of Tallahassee by the claimant, Jason Crosby, and his mother, Donna Crosby. Prior to litigation, the City agreed to a settlement in the amount of \$400,000. The city has paid \$200,000, and has agreed to pay an additional \$200,000 for the purchase of an annuity for the benefit of Jason Crosby.

C. Facts of the Case: Jason Crosby was struck by a car driven by David Sykes who was being pursued in a high-speed chase by officers of the Tallahassee Police Department. The officers had been directed by the police department to end the pursuit, but continued it, nonetheless. Mr. Crosby was in a coma for about three weeks following the accident and has sustained permanent injuries as a result of the accident. Mr. Crosby's medical expenses have totaled \$129,681. Future medical expenses are estimated at \$250,000. Future estimated medical and economical expenses range from \$500,000 to \$800,000 without reduction to present value.

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