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| 11 | Senator Brown-Waite moved the following amendment: |
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| 13 | Senate Amendment |
| 14 | On page 96, lines 12-23, delete those lines |
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| 16 | and insert: 768.79 or the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. |
| 17 | Sections 400.023-400.0238 provide the exclusive remedy for a |
| 18 | cause of action for recovery of damages for the personal |
| 19 | injury or death of a nursing home resident arising out of |
| 20 | negligence or a violation of rights specified in s. 400.022. |
| 21 | This section does not preclude theories of recovery not |
| 22 | arising out of negligence or s. 400.022 which are available to |
| 23 | a resident or to the agency. The provisions of chapter 766 do |
| 24 | not apply to any cause of action brought under ss. |
| 25 | 400.023-400.0238. Any plaintiff who prevails in any such |
| 26 | action may be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, |
| 27 | costs of the action, and damages, unless the court finds that |
| 28 | the plaintiff has acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, |
| 29 | and that there was a complete absence of a justiciable issue |
| 30 | of either law or fact. A prevailing defendant may be entitled |
| 31 | to recover reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to s. 57.105. |

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The remedies provided in this section are in addition to and cumulative with other legal and administrative remedies available to a resident or to the agency.