

By Senator Holzendorf

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Volusia County; providing
3 for the relief of Terri Yost, individually and
4 as Personal Representative of the Estate of
5 Joseph Michael Colopy and for the relief of
6 Michael Colopy; authorizing and directing
7 Volusia County to compensate them for the
8 wrongful death of Joseph Michael Colopy, a
9 minor, due to the negligence of an employee of
10 the county; providing an effective date.

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12 WHEREAS, on August 13, 1997, Joseph Michael Colopy, a
13 minor, was operating a bicycle on Miles Drive at the
14 intersection of Spruce Creek Road a/k/a State Road 5-A in
15 Volusia County, and

16 WHEREAS, Volusia County had in operation its public
17 transportation service, Votran, which traveled on Spruce Creek
18 Road, and

19 WHEREAS, an employee of Votran, who was operating a
20 Votran bus, negligently operated and/or maintained the bus so
21 that it collided with the bicycle being operated by Joseph
22 Michael Colopy, and

23 WHEREAS, as a result of that collision, Joseph Michael
24 Colopy suffered catastrophic injuries that necessitated his
25 ongoing medical care for more than a year and ultimately
26 caused his death on July 28, 1999, and

27 WHEREAS, the total medical costs incurred by Joseph
28 Michael Colopy before his death totaled approximately
29 \$697,722.75, and

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1 WHEREAS, litigation has been filed in Volusia County
2 and trial was scheduled to begin on the December 11, 2000,
3 trial docket, NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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7 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this
8 act are found and declared to be true.

9 Section 2. Volusia County is authorized and directed
10 to compensate Terri Yost, individually and as Personal
11 Representative of the Estate of Joseph Michael Colopy, a
12 minor, in the amount of \$_____ and to compensate Michael
13 Colopy in the amount of \$_____, out of funds of the
14 county not otherwise appropriated, for the wrongful death of
15 Joseph Michael Colopy, deceased minor, who was the natural
16 child of Terri Yost and Michael Colopy.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
18 law.