



1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Indian River County School Board;  
 3           providing for the relief of Taylor Rosemond, a minor, by  
 4           and through her parents and natural guardians, Alvin and  
 5           Shirley Rosemond; providing for an appropriation to  
 6           compensate her for injuries sustained due to the  
 7           negligence of the Indian River County School Board;  
 8           providing for the use of such funds; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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 11           WHEREAS, on January 25, 1999, 7-year-old Taylor Rosemond  
 12           was a passenger on a school bus owned by the Indian River County  
 13           School Board and operated by its employee, Deborah Colletti, and

14           WHEREAS, Deborah Colletti failed to stop at a stop sign  
 15           located at the intersection of 45th Street and 66th Avenue in  
 16           Indian River County, which failure caused the bus to collide  
 17           with a tractor-trailer traveling on 66th Avenue, resulting in  
 18           injuries to Taylor Rosemond and 15 other children and the deaths  
 19           of two other persons, and

20           WHEREAS, Deborah Colletti was cited with failure to obey a  
 21           traffic-control device and failure to yield the right-of-way,  
 22           and

23           WHEREAS, Taylor Rosemond was taken by ambulance to a local  
 24           hospital and thence airlifted to Arnold Palmer Children's  
 25           Hospital in Orlando, and

26           WHEREAS, Taylor Rosemond was diagnosed with a lacerated  
 27           kidney, bruised liver, and right renal laceration, and



28 WHEREAS, Taylor Rosemond's injuries resulting from the  
29 negligence of the school bus operator have caused her bodily  
30 injury and permanent pain and suffering, disability,  
31 disfigurement, mental anguish, loss of capacity for the  
32 enjoyment of life, hospitalization expenses, nursing care  
33 expenses, medical expenses, loss of earnings and capacity to  
34 earn, and aggravation of previously existing conditions, and

35 WHEREAS, Taylor Rosemond's injuries have caused her parents  
36 lost income, permanent loss of support and services, and  
37 expenses for medical care, psychiatric care, hospitalization  
38 care, and nursing care for their daughter, and

39 WHEREAS, suit was filed in Indian River County following  
40 the collision, and prior to trial the case was settled in the  
41 amount of \$60,000, and

42 WHEREAS, the Indian River County School Board has agreed  
43 not to oppose this claim bill, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

49 Section 2. The Indian River County School Board is  
50 authorized and directed to appropriate from funds of the school  
51 board not otherwise appropriated and to draw a warrant in the  
52 sum of \$60,000, payable after July 1, 2003, to Alvin and Shirley  
53 Rosemond, parents and natural guardians of Taylor Rosemond, a  
54 minor, as compensation for injuries and damages sustained by  
55 Taylor Rosemond due to the negligence of Indian River County.



56 | Such funds are to be deposited into a guardianship account for  
57 | the exclusive use and benefit of Taylor Rosemond. The amount  
58 | payable pursuant to this section is inclusive of costs and  
59 | attorney's fees as limited by s. 768.28(8), Florida Statutes.

60 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.