



1 judgment in which the City of Fernandina Beach agreed to pay  
2 to Mr. Weaver the sum of \$500,000, including a payment to be  
3 made out of insurance proceeds in the amount of \$100,000, the  
4 limit payable under section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and an  
5 additional \$400,000 upon the Legislature's passage of a claim  
6 bill, which the city agreed to actively support, and

7 WHEREAS, this claim bill is being filed in accordance  
8 with the consent final judgment in this matter, NOW,  
9 THEREFORE,

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

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

15 Section 2. The City of Fernandina Beach is authorized  
16 and directed to appropriate from funds of the city not  
17 otherwise encumbered the amount of \$400,000 payable to Verlin  
18 Weaver as compensation for injuries and damages suffered as a  
19 result of the negligence of a former employee of the city.

20 Section 3. This award is intended to provide the sole  
21 compensation for any and all present and future claims arising  
22 out of the factual situation in connection with the injury to  
23 Verlin Weaver. Not more than 25 percent of the award may be  
24 paid by the claimant for attorney's fees, lobbying fees, costs  
25 or other similar expenses.

26 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
27 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 44

The CS made the following changes:

Removes a provision providing for attorney's fees and expenses  
and provides a limitation on payment of fees and costs.