

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Judiciary (Joyner) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 360 - 376 and insert:

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specified in s. 961.05; and

(e) The amount of any reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the wrongfully incarcerated person in connection with obtaining compensation under this act, not to exceed \$50,000, to be calculated by the department upon the submission of supporting documentation of those fees and expenses. The Chief Financial Officer shall pay the attorney's fees and costs directly to the attorney, and the attorney may



not receive additional fees and costs from the wrongfully incarcerated person by another arrangement or contract.

(f) (e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in s. 943.0585, immediate administrative expunction of the wrongfully incarcerated person's criminal record resulting from his or her wrongful arrest, wrongful conviction, and wrongful incarceration. The Department of Legal Affairs and the Department of Law Enforcement shall, upon a determination that a person claimant is entitled to compensation, immediately take all action necessary to administratively expunge the person's claimant's criminal record arising from his or her wrongful arrest, wrongful conviction, and wrongful incarceration. All fees for this process shall be waived.

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The total compensation awarded under paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) may not exceed \$2 million. Except as provided in paragraph (e), no further award for attorney's fees, lobbying fees, costs, or other similar expenses shall be made by the state.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========== 35 And the title is amended as follows: 36

Delete line 26

38 and insert:

> Corrections; amending s. 961.06, F.S.; providing for compensation of reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, up to \$50,000, incurred for pursuing compensation for wrongful incarceration; directing the

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Chief Financial Officer to remit payment of attorney's fees directly to the attorney; precluding the attorney from receipt of additional fees from the wrongfully incarcerated person; precluding