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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Thrasher moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 973 and 974

insert:

Section 18. For purposes of clarification of Legislative intent, section 4 of chapter 2009-244, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. (1) This award, appropriated up to a grand total of \$9.5 million, is intended to provide the sole compensation for all present and future claims arising out of the factual situation described in this act which resulted in the injury to Jorge and Debbie Garcia-Bengochea and their adopted sons, Brian, Matthew, and James Garcia-Bengochea.



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14 (2) The total amount paid for attorney ~~attorney's~~ fees and
15 lobbying fees are to be paid exclusively to the attorneys and
16 lobbyists currently retained by the claimants and registered
17 pursuant to s. 11.045, Florida Statutes, and no other attorneys
18 and lobbyists. The total amount paid for attorney's fees,
19 lobbying fees, costs, and other similar expenses relating to
20 this claim may not exceed 25 percent of each annual payment
21 awarded pursuant to this act. Further, no more than 25 percent
22 of each annual payment may be used to pay attorney's fees,
23 lobbying fees, costs, and other similar expenses relating to
24 this claim.

25 Section 19. The provisions of section 18 of this act are
26 remedial.

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28 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete line 62

31 and insert:

32 modified definition of the term "crime"; amending
33 section 4 of chapter 2009-244, Laws of Florida,
34 relating to the relief of Jorge and Debbie Garcia-
35 Bengochea and their adoptive children, Brian, Matthew,
36 and James, by the Department of Children and Family
37 Services; clarifying legislative intent regarding the
38 payment of fees to attorneys and lobbyists; providing
39 that the changes are remedial; providing an