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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/22/2021	.	
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The Committee on Judiciary (Cruz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 112
and insert:
exceed \$612,500, the total amount paid for lobbying fees may not
exceed \$122,500, and the total amount paid for costs or other
similar expenses may not exceed \$20,906.04.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 41 - 86



12 and insert:

13 WHEREAS, at 3:30 a.m., approximately 13 minutes after
14 arriving at Ms. Galloway's home, the paramedics employed by
15 Hillsborough County Fire Rescue left without Ms. Galloway and
16 reported the incident as "Nontransport/No Patient Found" and
17 "Nontransport/Cancel," and

18 WHEREAS, while Ms. Black was transporting Ms. Galloway to
19 the hospital in her personal vehicle, Ms. Galloway began having
20 seizures, and a CT scan of her brain performed at the emergency
21 room later revealed an acute subarachnoid hemorrhage, most
22 likely secondary to an aneurysm, and

23 WHEREAS, as the facility where Ms. Galloway was first
24 admitted was not equipped to handle the required neurological
25 interventions, Ms. Galloway was later transported to Tampa
26 General Hospital, where she underwent a cerebral angiogram with
27 coil placement into the aneurysm, and

28 WHEREAS, despite efforts by physicians at Tampa General
29 Hospital to treat Ms. Galloway, she passed away on July 9, 2018,
30 and

31 WHEREAS, as the Hillsborough County Board of County
32 Commissioners provides emergency medical and health care
33 services to its residents through entities that include
34 Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, paramedics employed by
35 Hillsborough County Fire Rescue are employees and agents of the
36 Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, and

37 WHEREAS, such employees of the Hillsborough County Board of
38 County Commissioners had a duty to use reasonable care in the
39 treatment of Ms. Galloway, and

40 WHEREAS, such employees of the Hillsborough County Board of



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41 County Commissioners breached that duty by deviating from the
42 acceptable and appropriate standards of care in providing
43 inadequate care to Ms. Galloway, and

44 WHEREAS, the Estate of Crystle Marie Galloway alleged,
45 through a lawsuit filed October 17, 2019, in the Circuit Court
46 of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hillsborough
47 County, that the negligence of the Hillsborough County Board of
48 County Commissioners, through its employees, was the proximate
49 cause of Ms. Galloway's death, and

50 WHEREAS, following the filing of the lawsuit, the
51 Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners and the Estate
52 of Crystle Marie Galloway reached a settlement agreement in the
53 amount of \$2.75 million, of which \$300,000 has been paid to the