

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice Subcommittee  
 2 Representative Andrade offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove lines 85-153 and insert:

6 Board to pay final judgments of \$1,380,967.39 to Marcus Button,  
 7 and \$289,396.85 to Mark Button and Robin Button, and

8 WHEREAS, the Pasco County School Board has paid \$163,000 of  
 9 the \$200,000 statutory limit applicable at the time the claim  
 10 arose pursuant to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes 2009, to Marcus  
 11 Button and to Mark Button and Robin Button, as parents and  
 12 natural guardians of Marcus Button, as partial compensation for  
 13 the harms and losses caused by the crash, and

14 WHEREAS, the pro rata share of the statutory limit pursuant

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15 to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, paid to Marcus Button is  
16 \$134,752.10, but the balance of \$1,246,215.29 remains unpaid,  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the pro rata share of the statutory limit pursuant  
19 to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, paid to Mark Button and Robin  
20 Button is \$28,247.90, but the balance of \$261,148.95 remains  
21 unpaid, and

22 WHEREAS, since the judgments were entered, the Pasco County  
23 School Board did not appeal these judgments, has opposed bills  
24 ordering payment of any amounts ordered by the judge, has  
25 refused to negotiate or participate in any discussions until the  
26 2024 Regular Session, and has not taken steps to pay any part of  
27 these 13-year-old judgments entered by the judge after a full  
28 trial, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

34 Section 2. The Pasco County School Board is authorized and  
35 directed to appropriate from funds of the school board not  
36 otherwise encumbered and to draw a warrant in the sum of  
37 \$1,246,215.29 made payable to Marcus Button as compensation for  
38 harms and losses he sustained due to the negligence of employees  
39 of the Pasco County School Board.

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40           Section 3. The Pasco County School Board is authorized and  
41 directed to appropriate from funds of the school board not  
42 otherwise encumbered and to draw a warrant in the sum of  
43 \$261,148.95 made payable to Mark Button and Robin Button, as  
44 parents and natural guardians of Marcus Button, as compensation  
45 for harms and losses sustained by them for injuries to Marcus  
46 Button in the September 22, 2006, crash which was due to the  
47 negligence of employees of the Pasco County School Board.