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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act for the relief of Jose Correa by Miami-Dade  
3           County; providing for an appropriation to compensate  
4           Jose Correa for injuries sustained as a result of the  
5           negligence of an employee of Miami-Dade County;  
6           providing a limitation on compensation and the payment  
7           of certain fees; providing an effective date.  
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9           WHEREAS, on December 16, 2021, Jose Correa was lawfully  
10          walking across Bird Road, SW 40th Street, within the marked  
11          crosswalk at the intersection of Bird Road and Le Jeune Road, SW  
12          42nd Avenue, in Miami-Dade County, and

13          WHEREAS, a Miami-Dade County bus driver failed to observe  
14          Mr. Correa and made a left-hand turn at the intersection,  
15          causing a collision between the bus and Mr. Correa, and

16          WHEREAS, Mr. Correa has alleged, through a lawsuit filed on  
17          July 21, 2022, in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial  
18          Circuit, that the negligence of Miami-Dade County, through its  
19          bus driver, was the proximate cause of Mr. Correa's injuries,  
20          and

21          WHEREAS, Mr. Correa suffered personal injuries resulting in  
22          significant pain and anguish, including a below-knee amputation,  
23          and will continue to suffer pain and anguish for the remainder  
24          of his life, and

25          WHEREAS, since the incident, Mr. Correa has incurred

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26 | considerable medical care and treatment costs related to his  
27 | injuries, and he will require such care and treatment for the  
28 | remainder of his life, and

29 | WHEREAS, following the filing of the lawsuit, Mr. Correa  
30 | and Miami-Dade County reached a settlement agreement in the  
31 | amount of \$4.3 million, and

32 | WHEREAS, pursuant to that settlement agreement and the  
33 | limits of liability set forth in s. 768.28, Florida Statutes,  
34 | the settlement agreement will be partially satisfied by Miami-  
35 | Dade County in the amount of \$200,000, and the satisfaction of  
36 | the remainder is contingent upon the passage of a claim bill in  
37 | the amount of \$4.1 million, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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41 | **Section 1.** The facts stated in the preamble to this act  
42 | are found and declared to be true.

43 | **Section 2.** Miami-Dade County is authorized and directed to  
44 | appropriate from funds not otherwise encumbered and to draw a  
45 | warrant in the sum of \$4.1 million payable to Jose Correa as  
46 | compensation for injuries and damages sustained.

47 | **Section 3.** The amount paid by Miami-Dade County pursuant  
48 | to s. 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the amount awarded under  
49 | this act are intended to provide the sole compensation for all  
50 | present and future claims arising out of the factual situation

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51 described in this act which resulted in injuries and damages to  
52 Jose Correa. The total amount paid for attorney fees and  
53 lobbying fees relating to this claim may not exceed 25 percent  
54 of the total amount awarded under this act.

55 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.