



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 804

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House Resolution No. 60

House of Representatives, May 8, 2007

The House Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN LORI RAYMOND, ET AL. V. JOHN ROWLAND AND PATRICIA WILSON-COKER.

Resolved by this House:

1 That the provision of the settlement agreement in the action Lori
2 Raymond, et al. v. John Rowland and Patricia Wilson-Coker, United
3 States District Court, District of Connecticut, Civil Action No.
4 3:03CV0118 (MRK), requiring an expenditure from the General Fund
5 budget in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars and
6 submitted by the Attorney General to this Assembly for approval in
7 accordance with section 3-125a of the general statutes, is approved.

JUD House Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Department of Social Services	GF - Cost	7,715,740	4,202,080
Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account	GF - Cost	35,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This resolution accepts the settlement agreement in Lori Raymond, et al. v. John Rowland and Patricia Wilson-Coker. This settlement is expected to cost the Department of Social Services \$7,715,740 in FY08 and \$4,202,080 in FY09. These funds are included in sHB 7077 (the Appropriations Act, as reported by the Appropriations Committee).

The settlement agreement includes the payment of plaintiffs' attorney's fees, in the amount of \$35,000. Such payment would be made from the Adjudicated Claims Account within the Comptroller's budget for administrative purposes. The Adjudicated Claims Account draws from the resources of the General Fund, but is not appropriated.

For purposes of calculating the state spending cap, expenditures for implementation of federal mandates or court orders are not to be considered general budget expenditures for the fiscal year in which such expenditures are authorized, but shall be considered as expenditures in the ensuing fiscal years. Therefore, new dollars appropriated each year (for that year only) as required in the settlement agreement shall be exempt under the spending cap.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above for the Department of Social Services would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

House Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/30/2007)