



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 975

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House Resolution No. 26

House of Representatives, May 18, 2009

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
MAUREEN ALLEN, ET AL. V. JOHN J. ARMSTRONG, ET AL.***

Resolved by this House:

- 1 That the provision of the settlement agreement in the action
- 2 Maureen Allen, et al. v. John J. Armstrong, et al., United States District
- 3 Court, District of Connecticut, Civil Action No. 3:02CV1370(WIG)
- 4 requiring an expenditure from the General Fund budget in excess of
- 5 two million five hundred thousand dollars and submitted by the
- 6 Attorney General to this Assembly for approval in accordance with
- 7 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 the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account	GF - Cost	2.975 million	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution will cost the state a total of \$2.975 million, which covers \$2.5 million for money damages and attorneys' fees in the Allen case and \$475,000 in attorneys' fees in the Allen case related to the injunctive portion of the case.

The money damages portion of the Allen case involves individual money damage claims of the 19 plaintiffs. The parties have reached a tentative agreement by which that portion of the case would be settled for \$2.5 million as follows: each of the 14 named plaintiffs would receive a minimum of \$25,000 and each of the 5 unnamed plaintiffs would receive a minimum of \$10,000. The remainder of the \$2.5 million (\$2.5 million less \$400,000 in minimum payments or \$2.1 million) will be divided among the 19 plaintiffs by a United States Magistrate Judge after assessments of the merits of their cases and the damages suffered. Attorneys' fees will be paid by the plaintiffs in accordance with whatever fee agreement they have or will enter into with their attorneys.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

House Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (05/08/2009)