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**AB-2755 Claims against the state: appropriation.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2755**

**CHAPTER 115**

An act relating to the payment of claims against the state, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2755, Wicks. Claims against the state: appropriation.

Existing law, the Government Claims Act, requires the Department of General Services to designate the fund from which a claim is to be paid and requires the state agency concerned to pay the claim from that fund if, among other things, the Director of Finance certifies that a sufficient appropriation for the payment of the claim exists. If sufficient appropriations are not available for the payment of certain claims, settlements, or judgments, existing law requires the Attorney General to report the claims, settlements, and judgments to the chairperson of either the Senate Committee on Appropriations or the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, who is then required to cause introduction of legislation appropriating the funds necessary for payment.

This bill would appropriate \$523,000 from the General Fund to the Attorney General for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from 3 specified actions.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** (a) The sum of five hundred twenty-three thousand dollars (\$523,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Attorney General to be allocated in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from Gupta v. Bonta (United States District Court, Northern District of California, September 6, 2023, No. 21-cv-9045).

(2) The sum of one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from Progressive Democrats for Social Justice, et al. v. Bonta (United State District Court, Northern District of California, August 30, 2023, No. 21-cv-03875).

(3) The sum of one hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$193,000) for the payment of claims, settlements, or judgments against the state arising from Right to Life of Central California v. Bonta (United States District Court, Eastern District of

California, September 5, 2023, No. 21-cv-1512).

(b) Any funds appropriated in excess of the amounts actually required for the payment of these claims, settlements, or judgments shall revert to the General Fund within 45 days after final payment is made.

**SEC. 2.** This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to pay judgment and settlement claims against the state and end hardship to claimants as quickly as possible, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.