

**Florida House of Representatives
Committee on Civil Justice & Claims
Summary Claim Bill Reports**

Bill #: HB 3055
Sponsor(s): Representative Tobin
Reference: Civil Justice & Claims
Companion Bill(s): SB 40 by Senator Campbell

A. Basic Information

- 1. Claimant:** Bruce and Janie Silverman
- 2. Respondent:** North Broward Hospital District
- 3. Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000
- 4. Type of Claim:** EQUITABLE CLAIM/SETTLEMENT
- 5. Respondent's Posture:** The hospital district has agreed to the settlement
- 6. Collateral Sources:** None apparent
- 7. Prior Legislative History:** None

B. Procedural Summary: The parents of Alexandra Silverman (deceased) brought a negligence action against the North Broward Hospital District for the death of their daughter while she was a patient at Coral Springs Hospital. Prior to trial, the parties entered into a settlement agreement for \$1,200,000. The hospital district has paid its \$200,000 statutory obligation. HB 3055 would require the hospital district to pay the \$1,000,000 outstanding balance on the settlement agreement.

C. Facts of the Case: On February 12, 1995, 3-year-old Alexandra Silverman, who suffered from intestinal flu, was admitted to Coral Springs Hospital. Through a series of unfortunate actions and inactions on the part of the hospital staff during the next 24 hours, Alexandra's sodium levels were allowed to get critically low. She suffered from brain swelling, respiratory failure, coma, and death.

SM: _____ **LRD:** _____ **Date:** March 3, 1998
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