

CHAPTER 56--H.F.No. 3288

An act relating to claims against the state; providing for the settlement of certain claims; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. EXONERATION AWARDS.

The amounts in this section are appropriated in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget for full payment of awards of damages under the Imprisonment and Exoneration Remedies Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 611.362 to 611.368. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024, for payment to:

- (1) Terrell James Buechner, \$810,431.86;
- (2) Ronald James Fairbanks, \$56,008.26; and
- (3) Joe Maria Vento, \$240,000.

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) The amounts in this paragraph are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of corrections in fiscal year 2024 for full and final payment under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.738 and 3.739, of claims against the state for losses suffered while incarcerated in a state correctional facility or for injuries suffered by and medical services provided to persons injured while performing community service or sentence-to-service work for correctional purposes or while incarcerated in a state correctional facility. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024:

(1) for community service and sentence-to-service work claims under \$7,000 and other claims already paid by the department, \$2,968.12; and

(2) for payment to Nicholas Edwards for permanent injuries to his right index finger while performing assigned duties at Minnesota Correctional Facility - Moose Lake, \$3,940; and

(3) for payment to Jeron Faulkner for permanent injuries to his left thumb while performing assigned duties at Minnesota Correctional Facility - Stillwater, \$520.08.

(b) \$43,200 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of corrections for a minimum ascertainable partial permanent disability award under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.738, of the claim against the state for injuries suffered by James Vandevender while performing assigned duties at Minnesota Correctional Facility - Rush City. Any award for full and final payment of this claim must deduct the amount in this paragraph from the required final payment. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

Presented to the governor May 23, 2023

Signed by the governor May 26, 2023, 10:17 a.m.