

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 579

By Senators Tarr and Swope

[Introduced February 07, 2023; referred
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL recognizing and declaring certain claims against agencies of the state to be moral
 2 obligations of the state; and directing the Auditor to issue warrants for the payment
 3 thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

§1. Finding and declaring certain claims against the Department of Health and Human Resources to be moral obligations of the state and directing payments thereof.

1 The Legislature has heretofore made findings of fact that the state has received the
 2 benefit of the commodities received and/or services rendered by certain claimants herein and
 3 has considered these claims against the state, and agency thereof, which have arisen due to
 4 over-expenditures of the departmental appropriations by officers of the state spending units, the
 5 claims having been previously considered by the Legislative Claims Commission which also
 6 found that the state has received the benefit of the commodities received and/or services
 7 rendered by the claimants, but were denied by the Legislative Claims Commission on the purely
 8 statutory grounds that to allow the claims would be condoning illegal acts contrary to the laws of
 9 the state. The Legislature, pursuant to its findings of fact and also by the adoption of the
 10 findings of fact by the Legislative Claims Commission as its own, while not condoning such
 11 illegal acts, hereby declares it to be the moral obligation of the state to pay these claims in the
 12 amounts specified below and directs the Auditor to issue warrants upon receipt of properly
 13 executed requisitions supported by itemized invoices, statements, or other satisfactory
 14 documents as required by §12-3-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, for the
 15 payments thereof out of any fund appropriated and available for the purpose.

Claims against the Racing Commission:

(TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND)

(1) Michelle Helms \$16,219.58

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide payment to certain vendors who provided

commodities and/or services to the state, but who were not paid because the agency reached its budget limit.

Total amount from General Revenue: \$16,219.58