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Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Chairs, Senate and House Appropriations Committees
Chairs, Senate and House Finance Committees
North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Re: Report on Settlements of Litigation or Potential Litigation for \$75,000 or more

Dear Chairs:

In accordance with NC Gen. Stat. §114-2.4(b), please find the attached report on all agreements entered into by the State or a State department, agency, institution, or officer to settle or resolve litigation or potential litigation, that involves the payment of public monies in the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) or more.

Please let our team know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Eric Wilson
Chief of Staff

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Enclosure

cc: NCGA Fiscal Research Division

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Case Name	Closed Date	Settlement Amount	Brief Summary
Anthony Enriquez v. NC Department of Transportation	04/03/2025	\$1,000,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Arbry K. Wall, Jr. v. NC Department of Transportation	03/20/2025	\$90,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Barry Taylor v. DOT	8/11/2025	80,000	Workers' Compensation
Benny Johnson v. NC DOT	7/7/2025	\$163,527.18	Tort Claims
Beth Heasley v. NC Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources	03/25/2025	\$350,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Beulah Coley v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$175,000.00	Tort Claims
Brandon Locklear, Admin. of the E/O Eric Fields v. Robeson County Board of Education	06/11/2025	\$800,000.00	Tort Claims
Brenda Dillard v. UNC-ECSU	N/A	\$149,249	Workers' Compensation
Brittany Andrade v. NC Department of Transportation	04/17/2025	\$1,000,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
BROWN, LLOYD G., ET AL. v. NC DEQ & NC DACS (class action COA24-128)		\$392,001.62	In this class action, exempt employees of the Forest Service claimed additional overtime pay. The trial court entered judgment against defendant agencies. In October 2023 the defendants settled individually with 111 class members who have been dismissed from the ongoing appeal.
BROWN, LLOYD G., ET AL. v. NC DEQ & NC DACS (class action COA24-128)		\$92,002.98	In this class action, exempt employees of the Forest Service claimed additional overtime pay. The trial court entered judgment against defendant agencies. During mediation at the COA in 2024 the defendants settled individually with an additional 31 class members who have been dismissed from the appeal.
Christopher Stockli v. NC DAC	8/5/2025	\$90,810	Workers' Compensation
Cora Coley, minor v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$225,000.00	Tort Claims

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Crescent Evans-Ljejeme v. DHHS	8/13/2025	\$511,958	Workers' Compensation
Cynthia May Wisniewski v. NC Department of Public Safety	04/17/2025	\$85,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
DHHS V. ACE SPEEDWAY, ET AL.	06/18/2025	\$160,000.	Cross Claim Resulting From Attempted Enforcement Of An Abatement Order Issued Against Ace Speedway For Failure To Comply With EO/Covid Restrictions.
Diane E. Rehkopf v. NC Department of Public Safety	07/14/2025	\$100,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Donna Heasley v. NC Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources	03/25/2025	\$725,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Dr. Lee Stoner v. UNC-CH		\$ 300,000.00	Wrongful Discharge
E/O Dusty Beck v. NC Department of Public Safety; State Highway Patrol	04/03/2025	\$500,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Emil Ruecker v. NC Dept. of Public Safety, NC National Guard, and Tarheel Challenge Academy	07/03/2025	\$250,000.00	Tort Claims
Emily Wilson, Admin of the E/O Donald Wesley Garner v. NCDPS/State Highway Patrol	03/25/2025	\$1,000,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Erin Whitmeyer, as Admin. of the Est. of Scott Whitmeyer v. NC Department of Public Safety	07/02/2025	\$160,000.00	Tort Claims
Estate of Zije Yan, et al. v. UNC-CH	7/1/2025	\$ 750,000.00	Torts
Gladys Garcia, Individ. and as Admin. of the E/O Pedro Garcia, et al. vs. NC Dept. of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$100,000.00	Tort Claims
Gregory Donald McKee v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$150,000.00	Tort Claims
Heather N. Higley vs DPI Robeson	06/12/2025	\$140,000.00	Tort Claims
Helen Ridge Garner v. NCDPS/State Highway Patrol	03/25/2025	\$675,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers

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In the Matter of Darron Carmon v. State of North Carolina	06/26/2025	\$399,315.00	Tort Claims
Innovative Emergency Management v. NCDPS (Wake Co. 21-cvs-16600-910)	4/21/2025	\$4M	Breach of Contract
James Milton & Christy Groover, Co-Admin. of the E/O Austin Milton v NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$666,666.66	Tort Claims
Janet Jones v. NC DPI	4/1/2025	\$75,000	Workers' Compensation
Karen Barnash vs Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education	06/03/2025	\$125,000.00	Tort Claims
Kelli Hamilton, Admin. of the Est. of Noah Hamilton v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$666,666.67	Tort Claims
Kevin Cero v. DOT	7/21/2025	100,000	Workers' Compensation
Lou Thomas Saunders v. NC DHHS	9/3/2025	\$750,000.00	Tort Claims
Mary Ann Smith v. DPI	N/A	\$125,000	Workers' Compensation
NHM CONSTRUCTORS V. NCDOT	03/25/2025	\$221,500.	Construction Claim - \$37K In Additional Compensation Plus Remission Of Lds
Pattie Gaskey v. DPI	9/17/2025	\$75,000	Workers' Compensation
Randy Heasley v. NC Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources	03/25/2025	\$750,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Richard Griffin v. NC Forestry Service	04/16/2025	\$85,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Richard L. Anderson, Admin. of the E/O Ryan Gelinis v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$666,666.67	Tort Claims
Richard Rodefled, Jr. v. NC Department of Public Safety/Correctional Enterprises	03/18/2025	\$775,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Rodney Perkins v. DPS	9/19/2025	\$92,000	Workers' Compensation
Royce D. Dockery v. NC DPS	9/10/2025	\$400,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers

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SAMANTHA R. ET AL. AND DRNC V. STATE OF NC, NC DHHS	06/02/2025	\$104,317.97	Ps Seek Injunctive Relief To Remedy Alleged Violation Of State Law, North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 168A-7(B), Persons With Disabilities Protection Act. This settlement was to resolve an outstanding attorneys' fees claim, but the case is continuing.
Shaw v. Town of Mint Hill, et al. (WDNC 3:23-cv-624)	7/11/2025	\$150,000 (from state d's); \$850,000 (from co-d's)	Wrongful Conviction
Shirley Lou Bumgarner v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$79,200.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Stephanie Delgado v. NCSU	6/16/2025	125,000	Workers' Compensation
Stephen T. Wisniewski v. NC Department of Public Safety; NC Emergency Management	07/24/2025	\$75,000.00	Tort Claims; Paid by Travelers
Terri Bentley McKee v. NC Department of Transportation	07/16/2025	\$150,000.00	Tort Claims
Tonya R. Murrell, Admin. of the E/O Richard Norman Murrell v. Wright R. Archer, III, et al.	07/14/2025	\$2,000,000.00	Tort Claims
TRI-COUNTY PAVING V. CITY OF MORGANTON V. NCDOT	08/25/2025	\$130,000.	Breach of Contract
Trina Maness v. DOT	N/A	\$95,000	Workers' Compensation
Trisha Stafford Odom v. NCCU	9/2025	\$1,00,000.00	Breach of Contract/Retaliation
WAKE STONE CORPORATION v. NC DEQ (23CV024626-910, 23CV028002-910 & 22 EHR 00952)	6/25/2024	\$500,000.00	This case concerned the denial of a permit modification for a quarry operation. An administrative law judge ruled against the agency and ordered the agency to pay over \$875,000 in fees. The settlement reduced the fee award to \$500,000 and the agency agreed to withdraw its petitions for judicial review of the merits and the fee award.