
OFA Bill Analysis

HR 10

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN ISAIAH LINDSAY, ET AL. V. NANCY NAVARETTA IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, ET AL.

SUMMARY:

The resolution deems that the provisions of the settlement agreement in the action Isaiah Lindsay, et al. v. Nancy Navaretta, requiring General Fund expenditures in excess of \$2.5 million, are approved.

BACKGROUND

Lindsay et al. v. Navarretta, et al. Settlement Agreement

The settlement agreement, Lindsay et al. v. Navarretta, et al., was signed on 3/26/26 with the purpose of resolving claims regarding the timely provision of mental health services in the most integrated setting.

The settlement requires the state to take specific steps to create and/or modify their policies, procedures, and practices to ensure that current and future acquittees who are committed to the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB), assigned Full Level 4 privileges, and have been determined by Whiting Forensic Hospital to be ready for temporary leave, can transition to community mental health services in a timely manner.

The agreement requires the state to make their best efforts to obtain funding for the settlement requirements and obtain approval via the General Assembly in the 2026 session. The agreement also specifies the state is responsible for the cost of Independent Reviewer services, \$435,000 in attorneys' fees to Disability Rights Connecticut, and \$12,000 in expenses to the Connecticut Legal Rights Projects.

Implementation of the agreement is effective immediately upon final court approval and remains in effect for seven years, unless terminated

early under certain circumstances or extended for ongoing substantial noncompliance.

If the CGA does not approve the settlement agreement in the specified timeframe, it becomes null and void and unenforceable.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

House Favorable Report

Yea 27 Nay 7 (04/14/2026)