



Senate

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Senate Resolution No. 10

Senate, April 21, 2026

The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

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

Resolved by the Senate:

1 That the provisions of the settlement agreement in the action Isaiah
2 Lindsay, et al. v. Nancy Navaretta in her official capacity as
3 Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
4 Services, et al., United States District Court, District of Connecticut, Civil
5 Action No. 3:22-CV-1518-SVN, dated March 26, 2026, requiring an
6 expenditure from the General Fund budget in excess of two million five
7 hundred thousand dollars and submitted by the Attorney General to
8 this Assembly for approval in accordance with section 3-125a of the
9 general statutes, are approved.

APP *Senate Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	\$3.5 million	\$7 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution results in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) of approximately \$3.5 million in FY 27 and \$7 million in FY 28. The resolution approves the provisions of the settlement agreement, Lindsay et al. v. Navarretta, et al., which supports the timely discharge of individuals deemed clinically ready to transition from Whiting Forensic Hospital into the community.

The agreement requires the state to make their best efforts to obtain funding for the settlement requirements and obtain approval via the General Assembly (CGA) in the 2026 session. HB 5032, the Appropriations Committee budget, contains related partial year funding of \$3.5 million in FY 27 under DMHAS.

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

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the approval and discharge of individuals transitioning to the community and associated services provided.

OFA Bill Analysis**SR 10*****RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN ISAAH 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

Senate Favorable

Yea 8 Nay 6 (04/14/2026)