

# Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HJ-201

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS  
COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF GUY

**Title:** D'ANIELLO.

**Vote Date:** 4/1/2024

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/15/2024

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Judiciary Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

If the Claims Commissioner denies a claim, the claimant has the right to request that the General Assembly review the Commissioner's decision. The D'Aniello claim was submitted to the Judiciary Committee from the Office of the Claims Commissioner with the annual submission of all claims requesting review by the General Assembly.

## **SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:**

The substitute language vacates the decision of the Claims Commissioner, which ordered the denial of the claim against the state, and remands the file to the Claims Commissioner for a hearing on the merits.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**J. Paul Vance, Jr., Attorney:** He testified in opposition to this claim being dismissed. He stated that Guy D'Aniello sustained serious injuries while cycling on a path located on the

Southern Connecticut State University property. He furthered that the human factors associated with were the design of the gate area, including color, signage, warnings, not being able to see the gate was closed, and synergistic effects. He believes there are compelling arguments in how the deficiencies listed above resulted in the accident and injuries of Mr. D'Aniello.

**Reported by:** Bonnie Gray

**Date:** 4-8-24