

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1131

Short Title: Reimbursement for Lunches.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Perdue; and Colton.

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Referred to: Public Employees.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEE  
3 LUNCHES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 138-6(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Travel on official business by the officers and employees of State  
7 departments, institutions and agencies which operate from funds deposited with the  
8 State Treasurer shall be reimbursed at the following rates:

9 (1) For transportation by privately owned automobile, twenty-five cents  
10 (25¢) per mile of travel and the actual cost of tolls paid. No  
11 reimbursement shall be made for the use of a personal car in  
12 commuting from an employee's home to his duty station in connection  
13 with regularly scheduled work hours. Any designation of an  
14 employee's home as his duty station by a department head shall require  
15 prior approval by the Office of State Budget and Management on an  
16 annual basis.

17 (2) For bus, railroad, Pullman, or other conveyance, actual fare.

18 (3) For expenses incurred for subsistence, payment of fifty-five dollars  
19 (\$55.00) per day when traveling in-state or sixty-seven dollars  
20 (\$67.00) per day when traveling out-of-state. When travel involves less  
21 than a full day (24-hour period), a reasonable prorated amount shall be  
22 paid in accordance with regulations and criteria which shall be  
23 promulgated and published by the Director of the Budget.

1 Reimbursement to State employees for lunches eaten while on official  
2 business may be made only in the following circumstances:

- 3 a. When an overnight stay is required reimbursement is allowed  
4 while an employee is in travel status;
- 5 b. When the cost of the lunch is included as part of a registration  
6 fee for a formal congress, conference, assembly, or  
7 convocation, by whatever name called. Such assembly must  
8 involve the active participation of persons other than the  
9 employees of a single State department, institution, or agency  
10 and must be necessary for conducting official State business; ~~or~~
- 11 c. When the State employee is a member of a State board,  
12 commission, committee, or council which operates from funds  
13 deposited with the State Treasurer, or when the State  
14 employee's job requires his attendance at the meeting of such  
15 board, commission, committee, or council in his official  
16 capacity, and the lunch is preplanned as part of the meeting for  
17 the entire board, commission, committee, or council; or
- 18 d. When the lunch is included as an integral part of a congress,  
19 conference, assembly, or convocation, by whatever name  
20 called. Such assembly must involve the active participation of  
21 persons other than the employees of a single State department,  
22 institution, or agency; the employee's attendance must be  
23 necessary for the performance of his duties but must not be part  
24 of that employee's normal day-to-day business activities; or the  
25 assembly must be planned in advance with a formal agenda, and  
26 include a written notice or invitation to participants.

- 27 (4) For convention registration fees not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00)  
28 per convention."

29 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.