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SENATE BILL 1274
State Personnel Committee Substitute Adopted 7/12/89

Short Title: Travel Reimbursement Allowance.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE REIMBURSED FOR LODGING
2 EXPENSES ON THE BASIS OF AN ALLOWANCE AND TO CLARIFY THE
3 AUTHORITY OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS RELATING TO TRAVEL
4 ALLOWANCES AND REGISTRATION FEES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 138-6(c) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c) Reimbursement of ~~actual costs of~~ overnight lodging, whether in-
9 State or out-of-state, must be documented by a receipt of ~~actual lodging expenses~~ from a
10 commercial establishment. This documentation shall be attached to the reimbursement
11 request. All reimbursement requests shall be filed for approval and payment within 30
12 days after the travel period for which the reimbursement is being requested."

13 Sec. 2. The Director of the Budget shall report annually to the
14 Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the
15 budgetary impact resulting from the change in reimbursement of overnight lodging
16 expenses authorized in Section one of this act.

17 Sec. 3. G.S. 120-3.1 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 120-3.1. Subsistence and travel allowances for members of the General**
19 **Assembly.**

20 (a) In addition to compensation for their services, members of the General
21 Assembly shall be paid the following allowances:

22 (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the
23 General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the

1 weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by
2 multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to
3 the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile allowed to State employees for
4 official travel.

5 (2) A travel allowance at the rate allowed by statute for State employees
6 whenever the member travels, whether in or out of session, as a
7 representative of the General Assembly or of its committees or
8 commissions, with the approval of the ~~Legislative Services~~
9 ~~Commission~~ Speaker of the House, in the case of Representatives, or the
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in the case of Senators.

11 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging at a daily rate equal to
12 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh,
13 North Carolina, as set out at 52 Federal Register 26644 (July 15,
14 1987), while the General Assembly is in session and, except as
15 otherwise provided in this subdivision, while the General Assembly is
16 not in session when, with the approval of the Speaker of the House in
17 the case of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
18 in case of Senators, the member is:

- 19 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
20 committees or commissions, or
21 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

22 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of session, within the
23 United States outside North Carolina, may elect to receive, in lieu of the amount
24 provided in the preceding paragraph, a subsistence allowance of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
25 a day for meals, plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
26 satisfactory to the Legislative Administrative Officer, the latter not to exceed the
27 maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the same place, as set out at
28 52 Federal Register 26630-26648 (July 15, 1987) and at 52 Federal Register 33616-
29 33617 (September 4, 1987).

30 (4) A member may be reimbursed for registration fees as permitted by the
31 ~~Legislative Services Commission~~ Speaker of the House, in the case of
32 Representatives, or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in the
33 case of Senators.

34 (b) Payment of travel and subsistence allowances shall be made to members of
35 the General Assembly only after certification by the claimant as to the correctness
36 thereof on forms prescribed by the Legislative Services Commission. Claims for travel
37 and subsistence payments shall be paid at such times as may be prescribed by the
38 Legislative Services Commission.

39 (c) When the General Assembly by joint action of the two houses adjourns to a
40 day certain, which day is more than three days after the date of adjournment, the period
41 between the date of adjournment and the date of reconvening shall for the purposes of
42 this section be deemed to be a period when the General Assembly is not in session, and
43 no member shall be entitled to subsistence and travel allowance during that period,

1 except under circumstances which would entitle him to subsistence and travel allowance
2 when the General Assembly is not in session."

3 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.