

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 277
HOUSE BILL 350

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REQUESTING AGENCY TO COMPENSATE THE
INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF IN CERTAIN JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE,
AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 8B-8 reads as rewritten:

"§ 8B-8. Compensation.

(a) An interpreter appointed under this Chapter is entitled to a reasonable fee for his services, including waiting time, time reserved by the courts for the assignment, and reimbursement for necessary travel and subsistence expenses. The fee shall be fixed by the appointing authority who shall consider any fee schedule for interpreters ~~recommended~~ established by the Department of Human Resources. Reimbursement for necessary travel and subsistence expenses shall be at rates provided by law for State employees generally.

(b) The fees and expenses of interpreters who serve before any superior or district court criminal and juvenile proceeding are payable from funds appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(c) The fees and expenses of interpreters who serve in civil cases and special proceedings are also payable from funds appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(d) Fees and expenses of interpreters who serve before a legislative body described in this Article are payable from funds appropriated for operating expenses of the General Assembly.

(e) Fees and expenses of interpreters who serve before any State administrative agency are payable by that agency. ~~The agency shall, upon application to the Department of Human Resources be reimbursed for payments made.~~

(f) Fees and expenses of interpreters who serve before city or county administrative proceedings are payable by the respective city or county. ~~During the fiscal biennium 1981-83, the city or county shall, upon application to the Department of Administration, be reimbursed for payments made.~~

(g) ~~The Department of Administration and the Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the 1983 General Assembly on the satisfactoriness of the funding of this act by special reserve funds and shall recommend whether this funding be continued and new appropriations made or whether continued reserve funding is unnecessary."~~

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995, and applies to compensation for services performed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of June, 1995.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives