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A Bill

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5 By: Representative House
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REGULATE SPENDING BY STATE ENTITIES IN
9 RELATION TO GIFTS, FOOD, AND OTHER ITEMS AND SERVICES
10 PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended*
24 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

25 *19-5-108. Use of appropriations to benefit members of General Assembly*
26 *prohibited – Exceptions – Definitions.*

27 *(a) As used in this section:*

28 *(1) "Court" means a district court, a county court, a circuit*
29 *court, the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court, or any other office of the*
30 *judicial branch of this state receiving an appropriation by the State of*
31 *Arkansas;*

32 *(2) "Political subdivision" means a city, town, district, or*
33 *county of the state receiving an appropriation by the state;*

34 *(3) "Public school" means a public institution of higher*
35 *education or a public school for any grade kindergarten through twelve (K-12)*
36 *receiving an appropriation by the state; and*



1 (4)(A) "State agency" means:

2 (i) An agency, institution, authority, department,
3 board, commission, bureau, council, or any office of the executive branch of
4 the state receiving an appropriation by the state;

5 (ii) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission; or

6 (iii) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation
7 Department.

8 (B) "State agency" does not mean an agency, institution,
9 authority, department, board, commission, bureau, council, or any office of
10 the legislative branch of the state receiving an appropriation by the state,
11 including without limitation the:

12 (i) Bureau of Legislative Research;

13 (ii) General Assembly;

14 (iii) Division of Legislative Audit; or

15 (iv) Legislative Council.

16 (b) State revenue funds appropriated for a court, political
17 subdivision, public school, or state agency shall not be used to purchase
18 gifts, food, or beverages for a member of the General Assembly during:

19 (1) A fiscal session, regular session, or extraordinary session;

20 (2) The thirty-day period immediately preceding the convening of
21 a fiscal session, regular session, or extraordinary session; or

22 (3) The thirty-day period immediately following the sine die
23 adjournment of a fiscal session, regular session, or extraordinary session.

24 (c) Subsection (b) of this section does not prohibit a court,
25 political subdivision, public school, or state agency from providing a member
26 of the General Assembly:

27 (1) A meal when the member is touring a facility of the court,
28 political subdivision, public school, or state agency in his or her capacity
29 as a member of a legislative committee during a time not specified under
30 subsection (b) of this section;

31 (2) With incidental travel arrangements or payment of incidental
32 travel expenses when the member is touring a facility of the court, political
33 subdivision, public school, or state agency in his or her capacity as a
34 member of a legislative committee during a time not specified under
35 subsection (b) of this section;

36 (3)(A) An incidental serving of a nonalcoholic beverage on any

1 day of the calendar year.

2 (B) Beverages that may be served under subdivision

3 (c)(3)(A) of this section include without limitation:

4 (i) Coffee;

5 (ii) Tea;

6 (iii) Milk;

7 (iv) Soft drinks; and

8 (v) Juice; or

9 (4) An item that is provided for free to any member of the
10 public upon request.

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