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SENATE BILL 574

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE PAYMENT
OF EXPENSES TO CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENT PAYABLE TO CERTAIN STATE
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-212 is amended to read as follows:
10-2-212. Per diem and mileage reimbursement.

(a)(1) The Senate Efficiency Committee shall determine, within the
limitations of the Arkansas Constitution and Internal Revenue Service
guidelines, the amount of per diem and mileage reimbursement to be paid from
Senate appropriations.

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to per
diem, mileage, and expense reimbursements paid from funds disbursed by the
Legislative Auditor or the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

(b)(1)(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall determine,
within the limitations of the Arkansas Constitution and Internal Revenue
Service guidelines, the amount of per diem and mileage reimbursement to be
paid from House of Representatives appropriations.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
notify the House of Representatives disbursing officer regarding the actions
of the Speaker of the House of Representatives under this subsection.



(2) Subdivision (b)(1) of this section does not apply to per diem, mileage, and expense reimbursements paid from funds disbursed by the Legislative Auditor or the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

(c)(1)(A) A member of the Senate may seek reimbursement for mileage expenses incurred during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly in the performance of his or her duties as a member of the Senate by filing a signed statement of expenses incurred during each calendar month with the Secretary of the Senate.

(B) Expenses under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purposes for the use of the Senate.

(C) The Senate Efficiency Committee shall determine the amount of reimbursement to be paid from Senate appropriations under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

(2)(A) A member of the House of Representatives may seek reimbursement for mileage expenses incurred during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly in the performance of his or her duties as a member of the House of Representatives by filing a signed statement of expenses incurred during each calendar month with the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) Expenses under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purposes for the use of the House of Representatives.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall determine the amount of reimbursement to be paid from House of Representatives appropriations under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

~~(e)~~(d) A member of the General Assembly shall not file with the House of Representatives or Senate claims for per diem or mileage reimbursement in excess of the maximum amount prescribed by law.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-4-903(b)(2), concerning mileage reimbursements for state employees, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) No later than October 1, 2017, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall promulgate by rule the allowable rate of reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling on official business for the state.

1 (ii) The allowable rate of reimbursement promulgated
2 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State under subdivision (b)(2)(A)(i) of
3 this section shall be equal to the rate allowable by the Internal Revenue
4 Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor vehicles as of
5 January 1, 2017.

6 (iii)(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may
7 promulgate subsequent rules increasing or decreasing the allowable rate of
8 reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling
9 on official business for the state.

10 (b) The allowable rate of reimbursement shall
11 not exceed the rate allowable by the Internal Revenue Service per mile for
12 business use of privately owned motor vehicles.

13 (iv) Unless otherwise provided by law, reimbursement
14 for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling on official
15 business for the state shall ~~not exceed~~ be equal to the allowable rate of the
16 Internal Revenue Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor
17 vehicles as promulgated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State under
18 subdivision (b)(2)(A)(i) of this section.

19 (B) A state agency director may authorize reimbursement
20 for travel expenses for meals, lodging, and ~~private automobile or~~ airplane
21 usage at amounts less than that established under the authority of this
22 section.

23 (C) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by ~~regulation~~
24 rule may establish procedures and the rate for reimbursing individuals for
25 the use of privately owned airplanes while traveling on official business for
26 the state.