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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 993

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES
BY STATE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 993

Amend Senate Bill No. 993 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives J. Edwards, Nickels as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-4-903(b), concerning travel reimbursements for state employees, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, "state-owned motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle purchased or leased by:

(A) The State of Arkansas;

(B) The office of a constitutional officer of the State of Arkansas;

(C) A constitutionally independent agency or commission;
and

(D) A state-supported institution of higher education.

~~(1)~~(2)(A) Unless otherwise provided by law, reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling on official business for the state shall not exceed the allowable rate of the Internal Revenue Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor vehicles.

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

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

~~(2)~~(3)(A)(i) Any employee of the State of Arkansas who utilizes, but whose job does not require the state employee to utilize, a state-owned motor vehicle for transportation to or from his or her permanent residence



from or to his or her official station on a daily basis shall reimburse the fund from which the operating expenses of the state-owned motor vehicle are paid at the ~~rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per mile for each mile, or portion thereof, in excess of ten (10) miles each way~~ same rate authorized by the state agency director of the agency employing the state employee for reimbursements for private automobile usage under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section.

(ii) As used in subdivision (b)(3)(A)(i) of this section, "state employee":

(a) Means an employee of a state agency, board, commission, department, or state-supported institution of higher education; and

(b) Includes a constitutional officer and an employee of a constitutional officer.

(B) All state-owned motor vehicles or ~~leased~~ state-leased motor vehicles shall be for official business use only.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-4-904(a), concerning persons and officials exempt from travel regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The limitations of this subchapter relating to travel regulations shall not be applicable to:

(A) Except as provided in § 19-4-903(b), the constitutional or elective officials and their employees,; or

(B) ~~official~~ Official guests of the state.

(2) The provisions of this subchapter shall not be used to supersede or set aside the provisions of law providing for fixed allowances, established amounts for per diem, or to special travel privileges provided by law for specific purposes ~~where such~~ when the allowances exceed those authorized in this subchapter."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator D. Johnson
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