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SENATE BILL DRS35343-MMza-154* (04/27)

Short Title: Legislator Subsistence/Travel - IRS Rate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hartsell and Waddell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE LEGISLATOR SUBSISTENCE AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO
3 MATCH 2015 IRS RATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
4 PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Effective upon the convening of the 2017 General Assembly,
7 G.S. 120-3.1(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 120-3.1. Subsistence and travel allowances for members of the General Assembly.

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

11 (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the General
12 Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the weekly travel
13 allowance shall be calculated for each member by multiplying the actual
14 round-trip mileage from that member's home to the City of Raleigh by the rate
15 per mile which is the business standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue
16 Service in ~~Rev. Proc. 93-51, December 27, 1993.~~IR-205-137, December 17,
17 2015.

18 (2) A travel allowance at the rate which is the business standard mileage rate set by
19 the Internal Revenue Service in ~~Rev. Proc. 93-51, December 27, 1993,~~
20 IR-205-137, December 17, 2015, whenever the member travels, whether in or
21 out of session, as a representative of the General Assembly or of its committees
22 or commissions, with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.

23 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging at a daily rate equal to the
24 maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh, North
25 Carolina, as set out at ~~58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22, 1993),~~80
26 Federal Register 52753, September 1, 2015, while the General Assembly is in
27 session and, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, while the General
28 Assembly is not in session when, with the approval of the Speaker of the House
29 of Representatives in the case of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore
30 of the Senate in case of Senators, the member is:

31 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
32 committees or commissions, or

33 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

34 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of session,
35 within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to receive, in lieu of
36 the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a subsistence allowance of



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1 ~~twenty-six dollars (\$26.00)~~ fifty-nine dollars (\$59.00) a day for meals, plus
2 actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt satisfactory to the
3 Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed the maximum per diem
4 rate for federal employees traveling to the same place, as set out at ~~58 Federal~~
5 ~~Register 67950-67964 (December 22, 1993)~~ and at ~~59 Federal Register~~
6 ~~23702-23709 (May 6, 1994)~~.80 Federal Register 52753, September 1, 2015.

- 7 (4) A member may be reimbursed for registration fees as permitted by the
8 Legislative Services Commission."

9 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly
10 the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year
11 to be used for legislator subsistence and travel allowances.

12 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2016. Except as
13 otherwise provided, the remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.