

By Senator Lawson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state employee travel and  
3           per diem; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; increasing  
4           the meal allowances for state employees for  
5           specified travel; restricting applicability to  
6           state agencies operating under an appropriated  
7           performance budget; providing for  
8           implementation subject to availability of funds  
9           and approval by the Executive Office of the  
10          Governor; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 112.061, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public  
17 officers, employees, and authorized persons.--

18           (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.--For  
19 purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation,  
20 per diem and subsistence allowances are divided into the  
21 following groups and rates:

22           (a) All travelers shall be allowed for subsistence  
23 when traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling  
24 within or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide  
25 state business, which convention, conference, or business  
26 serves a direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the  
27 public agency served by the person attending such meeting or  
28 conducting such business, either of the following for each day  
29 of such travel at the option of the traveler:

- 30           1. Fifty dollars per diem; or

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1           2. If actual expenses exceed \$50, the amounts  
2 permitted in paragraph (b) for meals, plus actual expenses for  
3 lodging at a single-occupancy rate to be substantiated by paid  
4 bills therefor.

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6 When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the  
7 traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of  
8 such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximum provided for  
9 in this subsection.

10           (b) All travelers shall be allowed the following  
11 amounts for subsistence while on Class C travel on official  
12 business as provided in paragraph (5)(b):

- 13           1. Breakfast.....\$3  
14           2. Lunch.....\$6  
15           3. Dinner.....\$12

16           (c) No one, whether traveling out of state or in  
17 state, shall be reimbursed for any meal or lodging included in  
18 a convention or conference registration fee paid by the state.  
19 A state agency operating under an appropriated  
20 performance-based program budget may increase the subsistence  
21 amounts by up to an additional 25 percent, subject to the  
22 availability of funds and receipt of prior approval from the  
23 Executive Office of the Governor.

24           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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27           SENATE SUMMARY

28           Authorizes state agencies to increase the subsistence  
29           travel allowances for state employees under certain  
30           circumstances.