

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Richardson offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 2, line 2,

insert:

Section 1. Section 112.063, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.063 Reimbursement of county employees for educational expenses.--County constitutional officers and the governing body of a county ~~county commissioners~~ are authorized to reimburse employees for educational expenses, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The coursework must be designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities relating to official duties which the employees perform.

(2) The reimbursement of educational expenses in no way obligates the officer or commissioner to grant time off or leave for the taking or completion of such course or program of instruction.

(3) An employee shall not be permitted to utilize any

1 space, personnel, equipment, or supplies of the office by  
2 which he or she is employed in the process of fulfilling any  
3 of the requirements imposed by the coursework for which he or  
4 she is being reimbursed.

5 (4) The limitations contained in subsections (1)-(3)  
6 shall not be construed to apply to any courses offered by or  
7 as a part of an educational program sponsored by any state  
8 agency for which the constitutional officer or commissioner is  
9 obligated to perform duties prescribed by law, or any  
10 educational program conducted in furtherance of s. 195.002, if  
11 such limitations did not exist prior to July 1, 1990.

12 (5) Notwithstanding the limitation in subsection (1),  
13 the governing body of a county may, by ordinance or  
14 resolution, authorize the reimbursement of employees for  
15 educational expenses relating to coursework which is designed  
16 to enhance the knowledge, skills, and ability of employees in  
17 a career field beyond the official duties which the employees  
18 perform, or which provides career development opportunities  
19 for employees whose positions will be displaced because of  
20 organizational changes to the county government.

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22 Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting  
23 employees from receiving otherwise authorized per diem  
24 expenses provided for by s. 112.061, nor shall it be construed  
25 as prohibiting the payment of wages otherwise due under the  
26 provisions of state or federal law.

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30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 1, line 2, of the title of the bill

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1 after the semicolon, insert:  
2       amending s. 112.063, F.S.; authorizing the  
3       governing body of a county to reimburse certain  
4       employees for certain education-related  
5       expenses;  
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