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11 Senator Lawson moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 4, between lines 19 and 20,

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16 insert:

17 Section 2. Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, is
18 amended to read:

19 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public
20 officers, employees, and authorized persons.--

21 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--There are inequities,
22 conflicts, inconsistencies, and lapses in the numerous laws
23 regulating or attempting to regulate travel expenses of public
24 officers, employees, and authorized persons in the state. It
25 is the intent of the Legislature:

26 (a) To remedy same and to establish uniform travel
27 reimbursement ranges for state agencies, maximum travel
28 reimbursement rates for nonstate public agencies, and
29 limitations for all public agencies, with certain justifiable
30 exceptions, applicable to all public travelers ~~officers,~~
31 ~~employees, and authorized persons~~ whose travel expenses are

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1 | paid by a public agency.

2 | (b) To preserve the standardization and uniformity
3 | established by this law:

4 | 1. The provisions of this section shall prevail over
5 | any conflicting provisions in a general law, present or
6 | future, to the extent of the conflict; but if any such general
7 | law contains a specific exemption from this section, including
8 | a specific reference to this section, such general law shall
9 | prevail, but only to the extent of the exemption.

10 | 2. The provisions of any special or local law, present
11 | or future, shall prevail over any conflicting provisions in
12 | this section, but only to the extent of the conflict.

13 | (2) DEFINITIONS.--For the purposes of this section,
14 | the following words shall have the meanings indicated:

15 | (a) Agency or public agency--Any office, department,
16 | agency, division, subdivision, political subdivision, board,
17 | bureau, commission, authority, district, public body, body
18 | politic, county, city, town, village, municipality, or any
19 | other separate unit of government created pursuant to law.

20 | (b) Agency head or head of the agency--The highest
21 | policymaking authority of a public agency, as herein defined.

22 | (c) Officer or public officer--An individual who in
23 | the performance of his or her official duties is vested by law
24 | with sovereign powers of government and who is either elected
25 | by the people, or commissioned by the Governor and has
26 | jurisdiction extending throughout the state, or any person
27 | lawfully serving instead of either of the foregoing two
28 | classes of individuals as initial designee or successor.

29 | (d) Employee or public employee--An individual,
30 | whether commissioned or not, other than an officer or
31 | authorized person as defined herein, who is filling a regular

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1 or full-time authorized position and is responsible to an
2 agency head.

3 (e) Authorized person--

4 1. A person other than a public officer or employee as
5 defined herein, whether elected or commissioned or not, who is
6 authorized by an agency head to incur travel expenses in the
7 performance of official duties.

8 2. A person who is called upon by an agency to
9 contribute time and services as consultant or adviser.

10 3. A person who is a candidate for an executive or
11 professional position.

12 (f) Traveler--A public officer, public employee, or
13 authorized person, when performing authorized travel.

14 (g) Travel expense, traveling expenses, necessary
15 expenses while traveling, actual expenses while traveling, or
16 words of similar nature--The usual ordinary and incidental
17 expenditures necessarily incurred by a traveler.

18 (h) Common carrier--Train, bus, commercial airline
19 operating scheduled flights, or rental cars of an established
20 rental car firm.

21 (i) Travel day--A period of 24 hours consisting of
22 four quarters of 6 hours each.

23 (j) Travel period--A period of time between the time
24 of departure and time of return.

25 (k) Class A travel--Continuous travel of 24 hours or
26 more away from official headquarters.

27 (l) Class B travel--Continuous travel of less than 24
28 hours which involves overnight absence from official
29 headquarters.

30 (m) Class C travel--Travel for short or day trips
31 where the traveler is not away from his or her official

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1 headquarters overnight.

2 (n) Foreign travel--Travel outside the United States.

3 (3) AUTHORITY TO INCUR TRAVEL EXPENSES.--

4 (a) All travel must be authorized and approved by the
5 head of the agency, or his or her designated representative,
6 from whose funds the traveler is paid. The head of the agency
7 shall not authorize or approve such a request unless it is
8 accompanied by a signed statement by the traveler's supervisor
9 stating that such travel is on the official business of the
10 state and also stating the purpose of such travel.

11 (b) Travel expenses of travelers shall be limited to
12 those expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance
13 of a public purpose authorized by law to be performed by the
14 agency and must be within the limitations prescribed by this
15 section.

16 (c) Travel by public officers or employees serving
17 temporarily in behalf of another agency or partly in behalf of
18 more than one agency at the same time, or authorized persons
19 who are called upon to contribute time and services as
20 consultants or advisers, may be authorized by the agency head.
21 Complete explanation and justification must be shown on the
22 travel expense voucher or attached thereto.

23 (d) Travel expenses of public employees for the sole
24 purpose of taking merit system or other job placement
25 examinations, written or oral, shall not be allowed under any
26 circumstances, except that upon prior written approval of the
27 agency head or his or her designee, candidates for executive
28 or professional positions may be allowed travel expenses
29 pursuant to this section.

30 (e) The agency head, or a designated representative,
31 may pay by advancement or reimbursement, or a combination

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1 thereof, the costs of per diem of travelers ~~and authorized~~
2 ~~persons~~ for foreign travel at the current rates as specified
3 in the federal publication "Standardized Regulations
4 (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas)" and incidental expenses
5 as provided in this section.

6 (f) A traveler who becomes sick or injured while away
7 from his or her official headquarters and is therefore unable
8 to perform the official business of the agency may continue to
9 receive subsistence as provided in subsection (6) during this
10 period of illness or injury until such time as he or she is
11 able to perform the official business of the agency or returns
12 to his or her official headquarters, whichever is earlier.
13 Such subsistence may be paid when approved by the agency head
14 or his or her designee.

15 (g) The secretary of the Department of Health or a
16 designee may authorize travel expenses incidental to the
17 rendering of medical services for and on behalf of clients of
18 the Department of Health. The Department of Health may
19 establish rates lower than the range ~~maximum~~ provided in this
20 section for these travel expenses.

21 (4) OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS.--The official headquarters
22 of an officer or employee assigned to an office shall be the
23 city or town in which the office is located except that:

24 (a) The official headquarters of a person located in
25 the field shall be the city or town nearest to the area where
26 the majority of the person's work is performed, or such other
27 city, town, or area as may be designated by the agency head
28 provided that in all cases such designation must be in the
29 best interests of the agency and not for the convenience of
30 the person.

31 (b) When any state employee is stationed in any city

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1 or town for a period of over 30 continuous workdays, such city
2 or town shall be deemed to be the employee's official
3 headquarters, and he or she shall not be allowed per diem or
4 subsistence, as provided in this section, after the said
5 period of 30 continuous workdays has elapsed, unless this
6 period of time is extended by the express approval of the
7 agency head or his or her designee.

8 (c) A traveler may leave his or her assigned post to
9 return home overnight, over a weekend, or during a holiday,
10 but any time lost from regular duties shall be taken as annual
11 leave and authorized in the usual manner. The traveler shall
12 not be reimbursed for travel expenses in excess of the
13 established rate for per diem allowable had he or she remained
14 at his or her assigned post. However, when a traveler has
15 been temporarily assigned away from his or her official
16 headquarters for an approved period extending beyond 30 days,
17 he or she shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel
18 expenses at the established rate of one round trip for each
19 30-day period actually taken to his or her home in addition to
20 pay and allowances otherwise provided.

21 (5) COMPUTATION OF TRAVEL TIME FOR REIMBURSEMENT.--For
22 purposes of reimbursement and methods of calculating
23 fractional days of travel, the following principles are
24 prescribed:

25 (a) The travel day for Class A travel shall be a
26 calendar day (midnight to midnight). The travel day for Class
27 B travel shall begin at the same time as the travel period.
28 For Class A and Class B travel, the traveler shall be
29 reimbursed one-fourth of the authorized rate of per diem for
30 each quarter, or fraction thereof, of the travel day included
31 within the travel period. Class A and Class B travel shall

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1 include any assignment on official business outside of regular
2 office hours and away from regular places of employment when
3 it is considered reasonable and necessary to stay overnight
4 and for which travel expenses are approved.

5 (b) A traveler shall not be reimbursed on a per diem
6 basis for Class C travel, but shall receive subsistence as
7 provided in this section, which allowance for meals shall be
8 based on the following schedule:

9 1. Breakfast--When travel begins before 6 a.m. and
10 extends beyond 8 a.m.

11 2. Lunch--When travel begins before 12 noon and
12 extends beyond 2 p.m.

13 3. Dinner--When travel begins before 6 p.m. and
14 extends beyond 8 p.m., or when travel occurs during nighttime
15 hours due to special assignment.

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17 No allowance shall be made for meals when travel is confined
18 to the city or town of the official headquarters or immediate
19 vicinity; except assignments of official business outside the
20 traveler's regular place of employment if travel expenses are
21 approved. The Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ shall
22 establish a schedule for processing Class C travel subsistence
23 payments at least on a monthly basis.

24 ~~(c) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only and~~
25 ~~notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, for~~
26 ~~Class C travel, a state traveler shall not be reimbursed on a~~
27 ~~per diem basis nor shall a traveler receive subsistence~~
28 ~~allowance. This paragraph expires July 1, 2003.~~

29 (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.--For
30 purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation,
31 per diem and subsistence allowances are divided into the

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1 following groups and rates:

2 (a) All travelers shall be allowed for subsistence
3 when traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling
4 within or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide
5 state business, which convention, conference, or business
6 serves a direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the
7 public agency served by the person attending such meeting or
8 conducting such business, either of the following for each day
9 of such travel at the option of the traveler:

10 1. Between \$50 and \$94 Fifty dollars per diem for
11 state travelers, or up to \$94 per diem for nonstate travelers;

12 or

13 2. If actual expenses exceed~~\$50~~, the amounts
14 permitted in paragraphs (a) and paragraph (b) for per diem and
15 meals, plus actual expenses for lodging at a single-occupancy
16 rate to be substantiated by paid bills therefor.

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18 When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the
19 traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of
20 such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximum provided for
21 in this subsection.

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

25 1. Breakfast....State travelers are allowed between \$3
26 and \$5 and nonstate travelers up to \$5

27 2. Lunch....State travelers are allowed between \$6 and
28 \$11 and nonstate travelers up to \$11

29 3. Dinner..State travelers are allowed between \$12 and
30 \$22 and nonstate travelers up to \$22

31 (c) No one, whether traveling out of state or in

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1 state, shall be reimbursed for any meal or lodging included in
 2 a convention or conference registration fee paid by the state.

3 ~~(d) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only and~~
 4 ~~notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, for~~
 5 ~~Class C travel, a state traveler shall not be reimbursed on a~~
 6 ~~per diem basis nor shall a traveler receive subsistence~~
 7 ~~allowance. This paragraph expires July 1, 2003.~~

8 (7) TRANSPORTATION.--

9 (a) All travel must be by a usually traveled route.

10 In case a person travels by an indirect route for his or her
 11 own convenience, any extra costs shall be borne by the
 12 traveler; and reimbursement for expenses shall be based only
 13 on such charges as would have been incurred by a usually
 14 traveled route. The agency head or his or her designee shall
 15 designate the most economical method of travel for each trip,
 16 keeping in mind the following conditions:

- 17 1. The nature of the business.
- 18 2. The most efficient and economical means of travel
 19 (considering time of the traveler, impact on the productivity
 20 of the traveler, cost of transportation, and per diem or
 21 subsistence required). When it is more efficient and
 22 economical to either the traveler or the agency head, jet
 23 service offered by any airline, whether on state contract or
 24 not, may be used when the cost is within an approved threshold
 25 determined by the agency head or his or her designee.

26 3. The number of persons making the trip and the
 27 amount of equipment or material to be transported.

28 (b) The Department of Financial Services ~~Banking and~~
 29 ~~Finance~~ may provide any form it deems necessary to cover
 30 travel requests for traveling on official business and when
 31 paid by the state.

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1 (c) Transportation by common carrier when traveling on
2 official business and paid for personally by the traveler,
3 shall be substantiated by a receipt therefor. Federal tax
4 shall not be reimbursable to the traveler unless the state and
5 other public agencies are also required by federal law to pay
6 such tax. In the event transportation other than the most
7 economical class as approved by the agency head is provided by
8 a common carrier on a flight check or credit card, the charges
9 in excess of the most economical class shall be refunded by
10 the traveler to the agency charged with the transportation
11 provided in this manner.

12 (d)1. The use of privately owned vehicles for official
13 travel in lieu of publicly owned vehicles or common carriers
14 may be authorized by the agency head or his or her designee.
15 Whenever travel is by privately owned vehicle; ~~the~~

16 a. A state traveler shall be entitled to a mileage
17 allowance at a fixed rate of 29 to 37 25 cents per mile; for
18 state fiscal year 1994-1995 and 29

19 b. A nonstate traveler shall be entitled to a mileage
20 allowance up to 37 cents per mile; or

21 c. The traveler shall be entitled to thereafter or the
22 common carrier fare for such travel, as determined by the
23 agency head.

24 2. Reimbursement for expenditures related to the
25 operation, maintenance, and ownership of a vehicle shall not
26 be allowed when privately owned vehicles are used on public
27 business and reimbursement is made pursuant to this paragraph,
28 except as provided in subsection (8).

29 3.2. All mileage shall be shown from point of origin
30 to point of destination and, when possible, shall be computed
31 on the basis of the current map of the Department of

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1 Transportation. Vicinity mileage necessary for the conduct of
2 official business is allowable but must be shown as a separate
3 item on the expense voucher.

4 (e) Transportation by chartered vehicles when
5 traveling on official business may be authorized by the agency
6 head when necessary or where it is to the advantage of the
7 agency, provided the cost of such transportation does not
8 exceed the cost of transportation by privately owned vehicle
9 pursuant to paragraph (d).

10 (f) The agency head or his or her designee may grant
11 monthly allowances in fixed amounts for use of privately owned
12 automobiles on official business in lieu of the mileage rate
13 provided in paragraph (d). Allowances granted pursuant to
14 this paragraph shall be reasonable, taking into account the
15 customary use of the automobile, the roads customarily
16 traveled, and whether any of the expenses incident to the
17 operation, maintenance, and ownership of the automobile are
18 paid from funds of the agency or other public funds. Such
19 allowance may be changed at any time, and shall be made on the
20 basis of a signed statement of the traveler, filed before the
21 allowance is granted or changed, and at least annually
22 thereafter. The statement shall show the places and distances
23 for an average typical month's travel on official business,
24 and the amount that would be allowed under the approved rate
25 per mile for the travel shown in the statement, if payment had
26 been made pursuant to paragraph (d).

27 (g) No contract may be entered into between a public
28 officer or employee, or any other person, and a public agency,
29 in which a depreciation allowance is used in computing the
30 amount due by the agency to the individual for the use of a
31 privately owned vehicle on official business; provided, any

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1 such existing contract shall not be impaired.

2 (h) No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or
3 transportation expense when gratuitously transported by
4 another person or when transported by another traveler who is
5 entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a
6 traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual
7 amount charged and paid for the fare for such transportation
8 up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same
9 flight, even though the owner or pilot of such aircraft is
10 also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight
11 under this subsection.

12 (8) OTHER EXPENSES.--

13 (a) The following incidental travel expenses of the
14 traveler may be reimbursed:

- 15 1. Taxi fare.
- 16 2. Ferry fares; and bridge, road, and tunnel tolls.
- 17 3. Storage or parking fees.
- 18 4. Communication expense.
- 19 5. Convention registration fee while attending a
20 convention or conference which will serve a direct public
21 purpose with relation to the public agency served by the
22 person attending such meetings. A traveler may be reimbursed
23 the actual and necessary fees for attending events which are
24 not included in a basic registration fee that directly enhance
25 the public purpose of the participation of the agency in the
26 conference. Such expenses may include, but not be limited to,
27 banquets and other meal functions. It shall be the
28 responsibility of the traveler to substantiate that the
29 charges were proper and necessary. However, any meals or
30 lodging included in the registration fee will be deducted in
31 accordance with the allowances provided in subsection (6).

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1 (b) Other expenses which are not specifically
2 authorized by this section may be approved by the Department
3 of Financial Services ~~Banking and Finance~~ pursuant to rules
4 adopted by it. Expenses approved pursuant to this paragraph
5 shall be reported by the Department of Financial Services
6 ~~Banking and Finance~~ to the Auditor General annually.

7 (9) RULES AND REGULATIONS.--

8 (a) The Department of Financial Services ~~Banking and~~
9 ~~Finance~~ shall adopt ~~promulgate~~ such rules and regulations,
10 including, but not limited to, the general criteria to be used
11 by a state agency to predetermine justification for attendance
12 by state officers, ~~and~~ employees, and authorized persons at
13 conventions and conferences, and prescribe such forms as may
14 be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section. The
15 department may also adopt rules prescribing the proper
16 disposition and use of promotional items and rebates offered
17 by common carriers and other entities in connection with
18 travel at public expense; however, before adopting such rules,
19 the department shall consult with the appropriation committees
20 of the Legislature.

21 (b) Each state agency shall promulgate such additional
22 specific rules and regulations and specific criteria to be
23 used by it to predetermine justification for attendance by
24 state officers and employees and authorized persons at
25 conventions and conferences, not in conflict with the rules
26 and regulations of the Department of Financial Services
27 ~~Banking and Finance~~ or with the general criteria to be used by
28 a state agency to predetermine justification for attendance by
29 state officers, ~~and~~ employees, and authorized persons at
30 conventions, as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of
31 this section.

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1 (10) FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.--Claims submitted pursuant to
2 this section shall not be required to be sworn to before a
3 notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths,
4 but any claim authorized or required to be made under any
5 provision of this section shall contain a statement that the
6 expenses were actually incurred by the traveler as necessary
7 travel expenses in the performance of official duties and
8 shall be verified by a written declaration that it is true and
9 correct as to every material matter; and any person who
10 willfully makes and subscribes any such claim which he or she
11 does not believe to be true and correct as to every material
12 matter, or who willfully aids or assists in, or procures,
13 counsels, or advises the preparation or presentation under the
14 provisions of this section of a claim which is fraudulent or
15 is false as to any material matter, whether or not such
16 falsity or fraud is with the knowledge or consent of the
17 person authorized or required to present such claim, is guilty
18 of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided
19 in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Whoever shall receive an
20 allowance or reimbursement by means of a false claim shall be
21 civilly liable in the amount of the overpayment for the
22 reimbursement of the public fund from which the claim was
23 paid.

24 (11) TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND VOUCHER FORMS.--

25 (a) Authorization forms.--The Department of Financial
26 Services ~~Banking and Finance~~ shall furnish a uniform travel
27 authorization request form which shall be used by all state
28 officers and employees and authorized persons when requesting
29 approval for the performance of travel to a convention or
30 conference. The form shall include, but not be limited to,
31 provision for the name of each traveler, purpose of travel,

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1 period of travel, estimated cost to the state, and a statement
2 of benefits accruing to the state by virtue of such travel. A
3 copy of the program or agenda of the convention or conference,
4 itemizing registration fees and any meals or lodging included
5 in the registration fee, shall be attached to, and filed with,
6 the copy of the travel authorization request form on file with
7 the agency. The form shall be signed by the traveler and by
8 the traveler's supervisor stating that the travel is to be
9 incurred in connection with official business of the state.
10 The head of the agency or his or her designated representative
11 shall not authorize or approve such request in the absence of
12 the appropriate signatures. A copy of the travel authorization
13 form shall be attached to, and become a part of, the support
14 of the agency's copy of the travel voucher.

15 (b) Voucher forms.--

16 1. The Department of Financial Services ~~Banking and~~
17 ~~Finance~~ shall furnish a uniform travel voucher form which
18 shall be used by all state officers and employees and
19 authorized persons when submitting travel expense statements
20 for approval and payment. No travel expense statement shall
21 be approved for payment by the Chief Financial Officer
22 ~~Comptroller~~ unless made on the form prescribed and furnished
23 by the department. The travel voucher form shall provide for,
24 among other things, the purpose of the official travel and a
25 certification or affirmation, to be signed by the traveler,
26 indicating the truth and correctness of the claim in every
27 material matter, that the travel expenses were actually
28 incurred by the traveler as necessary in the performance of
29 official duties, that per diem claimed has been appropriately
30 reduced for any meals or lodging included in the convention or
31 conference registration fees claimed by the traveler, and that

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1 the voucher conforms in every respect with the requirements of
2 this section. The original copy of the executed uniform
3 travel authorization request form shall be attached to the
4 uniform travel voucher on file with the respective agency.

5 2. Statements for travel expenses incidental to the
6 rendering of medical services for and on behalf of clients of
7 the Department of Health shall be on forms approved by the
8 Financial Services ~~Department of Banking and Finance~~.

9 (12) ADVANCEMENTS.--Notwithstanding any of the
10 foregoing restrictions and limitations, an agency head or his
11 or her designee may make, or authorize the making of, advances
12 to cover anticipated costs of travel to travelers. Such
13 advancements may include the costs of subsistence and travel
14 of any person transported in the care or custody of the
15 traveler in the performance of his or her duties.

16 (13) DIRECT PAYMENT OF EXPENSES BY AGENCY.--Whenever
17 an agency requires an employee to incur either Class A or
18 Class B travel on emergency notice to the traveler, such
19 traveler may request the agency to pay his or her expenses for
20 meals and lodging directly to the vendor, and the agency may
21 pay the vendor the actual expenses for meals and lodging
22 during the travel period, limited to an amount not to exceed
23 that authorized pursuant to this section. In emergency
24 situations, the agency head or his or her designee may
25 authorize an increase in the amount paid for a specific meal,
26 provided that the total daily cost of meals does not exceed
27 the total amount authorized for meals each day. The agency
28 head or his or her designee may also grant prior approval for
29 a state agency to make direct payments of travel expenses in
30 other situations that result in cost savings to the state, and
31 such cost savings shall be documented in the voucher submitted

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1 to the Chief Financial Officer~~Comptroller~~ for the direct
2 payment of travel expenses. The provisions of this subsection
3 shall not be deemed to apply to any legislator or to any
4 employee of the Legislature.

5 (14) TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS.--

6 (a) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year, state travelers may
7 receive no more than the minimum amounts for per diem as
8 provided in subparagraph (6)(a)1., subsistence as provided in
9 paragraph 6(b), and mileage as provided in subparagraph
10 (7)(d)1.

11 (b) On or before June 30, 2003, and annually
12 thereafter, the Executive Office of the Governor for executive
13 branch agencies, the presiding officers of the Legislature for
14 legislative branch agencies, and the Chief Justice of the
15 State Supreme Court for judicial branch agencies shall
16 determine, based on the ranges specified in this section, the
17 specific amount to be paid during the following fiscal year to
18 state travelers for per diem as provided in subparagraph
19 (6)(a)1., subsistence as provided in paragraph 6(b), and
20 mileage as provided in subparagraph (7)(d)1.

21 (c) On June 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
22 Department of Financial Services shall, by rule, adjust the
23 amounts for per diem provided in subparagraph (6)(a)1., the
24 amounts for subsistence provided in paragraph (6)(b), and the
25 amounts for mileage provided in subparagraph (7)(d)1. to
26 reflect the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for
27 All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average since June 1, 2003. The
28 annually adjusted amounts shall be rounded downward to the
29 nearest whole dollar for per diem and subsistence and to the
30 nearest whole cent for mileage, and shall be effective for the
31 following fiscal year.

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1 (15) APPLICABILITY TO COUNTIES, DISTRICT SCHOOL
2 BOARDS, AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS.--The governing body of a county
3 may establish by ordinance or resolution, a district school
4 board may establish by rule, or a special district, as defined
5 in s. 189.403(1), except those special districts that are
6 subject to s. 166.021(10), may establish by resolution, travel
7 reimbursement rates that exceed the maximum rates specified in
8 s. 112.061(6)(a) for per diem, in s. 112.061(6)(b) for meals,
9 and in s. 112.061(7)(d)1. for mileage. Except as provided in
10 this subsection, counties, district school boards and special
11 districts remain subject to the requirements of this section.

12
13 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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16 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 1, lines 2-14, delete those lines

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20 and insert:

21 An act relating to governmental per diem and
22 travel expenses; amending s. 166.021, F.S.;
23 providing definitions; authorizing
24 municipalities and agencies thereof to adopt
25 per diem and travel expense policies for
26 travelers, notwithstanding s. 112.061, F.S.;
27 providing for retroactive application;
28 providing for applicability of s. 112.061,
29 F.S., if per diem and travel expense policies
30 are or are not adopted; providing for offenses
31 related to false or fraudulent travel claims;

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1 providing misdemeanor penalties; providing for
2 civil liability; amending s. 112.061, F.S.;
3 establishing per diem and subsistence ranges
4 for travel expenses of public employees;
5 conforming provisions and deleting obsolete
6 provisions; providing for future adjustments of
7 such rates; providing that counties, district
8 school boards, and certain special districts
9 may increase specified rates; providing
10 effective dates.

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