

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
and Senators Lawson and Miller

302-2280-03

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to per diem and travel  
3           expenses; amending s. 112.061, F.S.;  
4           establishing per diem and subsistence ranges  
5           for travel expenses of public employees;  
6           conforming provisions and deleting obsolete  
7           provisions; providing for future adjustments of  
8           such rates; providing that counties and  
9           district school boards may increase specified  
10          rates; 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. Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

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

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

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

30           (b) To preserve the standardization and uniformity  
31 established by this law:

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

7           2. The provisions of any special or local law, present  
8 or future, shall prevail over any conflicting provisions in  
9 this section, but only to the extent of the conflict.

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

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

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

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

26           (d) Employee or public employee--An individual,  
27 whether commissioned or not, other than an officer or  
28 authorized person as defined herein, who is filling a regular  
29 or full-time authorized position and is responsible to an  
30 agency head.

31           (e) Authorized person--

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

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

7           3. A person who is a candidate for an executive or  
8 professional position.

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

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

15           (h) Common carrier--Train, bus, commercial airline  
16 operating scheduled flights, or rental cars of an established  
17 rental car firm.

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

20           (j) Travel period--A period of time between the time  
21 of departure and time of return.

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

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

27           (m) Class C travel--Travel for short or day trips  
28 where the traveler is not away from his or her official  
29 headquarters overnight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (e) The agency head, or a designated representative,  
28 may pay by advancement or reimbursement, or a combination  
29 thereof, the costs of per diem of travelers ~~and authorized~~  
30 ~~persons~~ for foreign travel at the current rates as specified  
31 in the federal publication "Standardized Regulations

1 (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas)" and incidental expenses  
2 as provided in this section.

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

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

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

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

28 (b) When any state employee is stationed in any city  
29 or town for a period of over 30 continuous workdays, such city  
30 or town shall be deemed to be the employee's official  
31 headquarters, and he or she shall not be allowed per diem or

1 subsistence, as provided in this section, after the said  
2 period of 30 continuous workdays has elapsed, unless this  
3 period of time is extended by the express approval of the  
4 agency head or his or her designee.

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

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

22 (a) The travel day for Class A travel shall be a  
23 calendar day (midnight to midnight). The travel day for Class  
24 B travel shall begin at the same time as the travel period.  
25 For Class A and Class B travel, the traveler shall be  
26 reimbursed one-fourth of the authorized rate of per diem for  
27 each quarter, or fraction thereof, of the travel day included  
28 within the travel period. Class A and Class B travel shall  
29 include any assignment on official business outside of regular  
30 office hours and away from regular places of employment when  
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1 it is considered reasonable and necessary to stay overnight  
2 and for which travel expenses are approved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 (c) No one, whether traveling out of state or in  
2 state, shall be reimbursed for any meal or lodging included in  
3 a convention or conference registration fee paid by the state.

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

9 (7) TRANSPORTATION.--

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

18 1. The nature of the business.

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

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

29 (b) The Department of Financial Services ~~Banking and~~  
30 ~~Finance~~ may provide any form it deems necessary to cover

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1 travel requests for traveling on official business and when  
2 paid by the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1           3.2. All mileage shall be shown from point of origin  
2 to point of destination and, when possible, shall be computed  
3 on the basis of the current map of the Department of  
4 Transportation. Vicinity mileage necessary for the conduct of  
5 official business is allowable but must be shown as a separate  
6 item on the expense voucher.

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

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

30           (g) No contract may be entered into between a public  
31 officer or employee, or any other person, and a public agency,

1 in which a depreciation allowance is used in computing the  
2 amount due by the agency to the individual for the use of a  
3 privately owned vehicle on official business; provided, any  
4 such existing contract shall not be impaired.

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

15 (8) OTHER EXPENSES.--

16 (a) The following incidental travel expenses of the  
17 traveler may be reimbursed:

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

1 charges were proper and necessary. However, any meals or  
2 lodging included in the registration fee will be deducted in  
3 accordance with the allowances provided in subsection (6).

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

10 (9) RULES AND REGULATIONS.--

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

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

1 state officers,~~and~~ employees,~~and~~ authorized persons at  
2 conventions, as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of  
3 this section.

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

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

28 (a) Authorization forms.--The Department of Financial  
29 Services ~~Banking and Finance~~ shall furnish a uniform travel  
30 authorization request form which shall be used by all state  
31 officers and employees and authorized persons when requesting

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

18 (b) Voucher forms.--

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

1 official duties, that per diem claimed has been appropriately  
2 reduced for any meals or lodging included in the convention or  
3 conference registration fees claimed by the traveler, and that  
4 the voucher conforms in every respect with the requirements of  
5 this section. The original copy of the executed uniform  
6 travel authorization request form shall be attached to the  
7 uniform travel voucher on file with the respective agency.

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

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

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



1 a state agency to make direct payments of travel expenses in  
2 other situations that result in cost savings to the state, and  
3 such cost savings shall be documented in the voucher submitted  
4 to the Chief Financial Officer~~Comptroller~~ for the direct  
5 payment of travel expenses. The provisions of this subsection  
6 shall not be deemed to apply to any legislator or to any  
7 employee of the Legislature.

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

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

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

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

1 nearest whole dollar for per diem and subsistence and to the  
2 nearest whole cent for mileage, and shall be effective for the  
3 following fiscal year.

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

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2003.

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15 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
17 Senate Bill 2672

18 Provides that annually adjusted mileage amounts should be  
19 rounded to the nearest cent. Provides that counties and  
20 district school boards may set per diem, meal, and mileage  
21 rates in excess of those set forth in the section. Provides  
22 that counties and district school boards remain subject to all  
23 other provisions of the section.  
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