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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Escambia County; authorizing the adoption of the schedule of rates of per diem and subsistence allowances, transportation expenses, and other expenses established by the United States Government for official county travel; providing for resolution of conflicts with state statutory reimbursement rates; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, there have been substantial increases over the years in the costs for housing, food, and transportation incurred by Escambia County employees while traveling on official county business such that employees now are forced to expend their private funds for such travel, which cannot be reimbursed under the current provisions of section 112.061, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the equitable interests of its employee travelers that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia



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29 County be authorized to adopt the schedule of rates of per diem
30 and subsistence allowances, transportation expenses, and other
31 expenses currently provided by the United States Government for
32 federal employee travel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Escambia
37 County is hereby authorized to adopt, by ordinance, the schedule
38 of rates of per diem and subsistence allowances, transportation
39 expenses, and other expenses paid by the United States
40 Government to federal employee travelers.

41 Section 2. To the extent such federal rate amounts
42 conflict with section 112.061(6), (7), and (8), Florida
43 Statutes, any and all departments, offices, and agencies of the
44 Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County shall be
45 permitted to reimburse at the current reimbursement rate amounts
46 of the United States Government.

47 Section 3. All other provisions of section 112.061,
48 Florida Statutes, shall remain applicable to the Board of County
49 Commissioners of Escambia County and its departments, offices,
50 and agencies.

51 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.