

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to legislative travel reimbursement;
3 amending s. 11.13, F.S.; authorizing legislators and
4 their staff members to be reimbursed by the state
5 under certain circumstances for travel to visit an
6 immediate family member in the case of death or
7 serious illness; defining the term "immediate family
8 member"; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 11.13, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 11.13 Compensation of members.—

15 (2) (a) During the time the Legislature is in session, each
16 legislator shall be paid subsistence at a rate to be established
17 by the President of the Senate for members of the Senate and the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives for members of the
19 House. Each legislator, in addition to subsistence, shall be
20 paid travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061(7) and (8)
21 for actual travel between the legislator's home and the seat of
22 government for not more than one round trip per week or fraction
23 of a week during any regular, special, or extraordinary session
24 of the Legislature or for the convening of either the House or
25 Senate for official business.

26 (b) If the cost of travel to visit an immediate family
27 member in the case of death or serious illness is less than the
28 cost of travel between the legislator's or staff member's home
29 and the seat of government, each legislator and his or her staff

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30 members shall be paid travel expenses in accordance with s.
31 112.061(7) and (8) for travel from the seat of government to
32 visit an immediate family member in the case of death or serious
33 illness for one single round trip during any regular, special,
34 or extraordinary session of the Legislature or for the convening
35 of either the House or Senate for official business. As used in
36 this paragraph, the term "immediate family member" means a
37 person having one of the following relationships to another:
38 husband, wife, father, mother, son, or daughter.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.