

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

Call Item 1  
SENATE BILL 7

5 By: Senator A. Clark  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE PAYMENT  
9 OF EXPENSES TO CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING EXPENSE  
14 REIMBURSEMENT PAYABLE TO CERTAIN STATE  
15 OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-212, as amended by identical Acts  
22 2015, Nos. 555 and 556, is amended to read as follows:

23 10-2-212. Per diem and mileage reimbursement.

24 (a)(1) The Senate Efficiency Committee shall determine, within the  
25 limitations of the Arkansas Constitution and Internal Revenue Service  
26 guidelines, the amount of per diem and mileage reimbursement to be paid from  
27 Senate appropriations.

28 (2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to per  
29 diem, mileage, and expense reimbursements paid from funds disbursed by the  
30 Legislative Auditor or the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

31 (b)(1)(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall determine,  
32 within the limitations of the Arkansas Constitution and Internal Revenue  
33 Service guidelines, the amount of per diem and mileage reimbursement to be  
34 paid from House of Representatives appropriations.

35 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
36 notify the House of Representatives disbursing officer regarding the actions



1 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives under this subsection.

2 (2) Subdivision (b)(1) of this section does not apply to per  
 3 diem, mileage, and expense reimbursements paid from funds disbursed by the  
 4 Legislative Auditor or the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

5 (c)(1)(A) A member of the Senate may seek reimbursement for mileage  
 6 expenses incurred during the interim in the performance of his or her duties  
 7 as a member of the Senate by filing a signed statement of expenses incurred  
 8 during each calendar month with the Secretary of the Senate.

9 (B) Mileage expenses under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this  
 10 section shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purposes for the use  
 11 of the Senate.

12 (C) The Senate Efficiency Committee shall determine the  
 13 amount of mileage reimbursement to be paid from Senate appropriations under  
 14 subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

15 (2)(A) A member of the House of Representatives may seek  
 16 reimbursement for mileage expenses incurred during the interim in the  
 17 performance of his or her duties as a member of the House of Representatives  
 18 by filing a signed statement of expenses incurred during each calendar month  
 19 with the Coordinator of House Legislative Services.

20 (B) Mileage expenses under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this  
 21 section shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purposes for the use  
 22 of the House of Representatives.

23 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
 24 determine the amount of mileage reimbursement to be paid from House of  
 25 Representatives appropriations under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

26 ~~(e)~~(d) A member of the General Assembly shall not file with the House  
 27 of Representatives or Senate claims for per diem or mileage reimbursement in  
 28 excess of the maximum amount prescribed by law.

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 30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-4-903(b)(2), concerning mileage  
 31 reimbursements for state employees, is amended to read as follows:

32 (2)(A)(i) No later than October 1, 2015, the Chief Fiscal  
 33 Officer of the State shall promulgate by rule the allowable rate of  
 34 reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling  
 35 on official business for the state.

36 (ii) The allowable rate of reimbursement promulgated

1 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State under subdivision (b)(2)(A)(i) of  
2 this section shall be equal to the rate allowable by the Internal Revenue  
3 Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor vehicles as of  
4 January 1, 2015.

5 (iii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may  
6 promulgate subsequent rules increasing or decreasing the allowable rate of  
7 reimbursement for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling  
8 on official business for the state. The allowable rate of reimbursement  
9 shall not exceed the rate allowable by the Internal Revenue Service per mile  
10 for business use of privately owned motor vehicles.

11 (iv) Unless otherwise provided by law, reimbursement  
12 for the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling on official  
13 business for the state shall ~~not exceed~~ be equal to the allowable rate of the  
14 Internal Revenue Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor  
15 vehicles as promulgated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State under  
16 subdivision (b)(2)(A)(i) of this section.

17 (B) A state agency director may authorize reimbursement for  
18 travel expenses for meals, lodging, and private ~~automobile or~~ airplane usage  
19 at amounts less than that established under the authority of this section.

20 (C) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by ~~regulation~~  
21 rule may establish procedures and the rate for reimbursing individuals for  
22 the use of privately owned airplanes while traveling on official business for  
23 the state.

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