THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

AN ACT

- 1 Providing for expense reimbursement of public officials and 2 public employees.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Short title.
- 6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public
- 7 Official and Public Employee Expense Reimbursement Act.
- 8 Section 2. Definitions.
- 9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 11 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- "Governmental body." A department, agency, authority,
- 13 commission, committee, council, board, bureau, division,
- 14 service, office, officer, administration, legislative body or
- 15 other establishment in the executive, legislative or judicial
- 16 branch of the Commonwealth.
- 17 "Itemized receipt." A written acknowledgment from the vendor

- 1 attesting to the receipt of cash, check, money order, credit
- 2 card or other method of payment, in exchange for goods or
- 3 services, with the cost and description of each item or article
- 4 stated separately.
- 5 "Public employee." An individual employed by the
- 6 Commonwealth.
- 7 "Public official." A person elected by the public or elected
- 8 or appointed by a governmental body or an appointed official in
- 9 the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the
- 10 Commonwealth.
- 11 Section 3. Receipts and limitations.
- 12 No public official or public employee may be reimbursed for a
- 13 travel expense unless the public official or public employee
- 14 submits an itemized receipt. Reimbursement is subject to Federal
- 15 per diem rate limits set by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 16 Section 4. Effective date.
- 17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.