



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 394

128th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State Government)

Reps. Garrison, Gerberry, Mallory, Stewart, Belcher, B. Williams

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires that a member of the General Assembly in fact travel to or from the member's residence and to or from the seat of government to receive a travel reimbursement.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Travel reimbursement for General Assembly member

(R.C. 101.27(A)(2))

Under existing law, each member of the General Assembly is entitled to receive a travel reimbursement per mile each way, at the same mileage rate allowed for the reimbursement of travel expenses of state agents as provided by rule of the Director of Budget and Management,¹ for mileage not more than once a week during the session for travel incurred by a member from and to the member's place of residence, by the most direct highway route of public travel to and from the seat of government,² to be paid quarterly on the last day of March, June, September, and December of each year.

¹ Current rules authorize reimbursement of mileage expenses incurred on state business at a rate up to the Internal Revenue Service's business standard mileage rate, within the Director of Budget and Management's discretion. The reimbursement rate must not fall below 45¢ per mile, unless the Internal Revenue Service's business standard mileage rate falls below 45¢ per mile, in which case the Director can lower the reimbursement rate below 45¢ per mile (OAC 126-1-02).

² Under Section 1 of Article XV of the Ohio Constitution, Columbus is generally the seat of government.

Under the bill, a member of the General Assembly is not entitled to receive a travel reimbursement per mile each way unless the member in fact travels from or to the member's place of residence and to or from the seat of government.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	12-11-09
Reported, H. State Gov't	02-25-10

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