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SENATE BILL 950
State Personnel Committee Substitute Adopted 5/3/89

Short Title: State Employees Travel Allowance.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE THE ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL
2 EXPENSES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES EVERY TWO YEARS WHENEVER
3 THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES, AND TO RELATE INCREASES IN
4 THE ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES TO THE RISE IN THE
5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 138-6(a) reads as rewritten:

9 "(a) Travel on official business by the officers and employees of State departments,
10 institutions and agencies which operate from funds deposited with the State Treasurer
11 shall be reimbursed at the following rates:

12 (1) For transportation by privately owned automobile, twenty-five cents
13 (25¢) per mile of travel and the actual cost of tolls paid. No
14 reimbursement shall be made for the use of a personal car in
15 commuting from an employee's home to his duty station in connection
16 with regularly scheduled work hours. Any designation of an
17 employee's home as his duty station by a department head shall require
18 prior approval by the Office of State Budget and Management on an
19 annual basis.

20 (2) For bus, railroad, Pullman, or other conveyance, actual fare.

21 (3) For expenses incurred for subsistence, until June 30, 1991, payment of
22 ~~fifty five dollars (\$55.00)~~ fifty-eight dollars (\$58.00) per day when
23 traveling in-state or ~~sixty seven dollars (\$67.00)~~ seventy dollars (\$70.00)

1 per day when traveling ~~out-of-state.~~ out-of-state; then as follows: As of
2 October 1, 1990, the ratio of the Consumer Price Index to such index
3 two years earlier shall be determined, and payment per day when
4 traveling in-state and payment per day when traveling out-of-state
5 shall be increased effective on July 1 of the year following the year of
6 determination by the same percentage increase indicated by this ratio
7 calculated to the nearest tenth of one percentum (1/10 of 1%);
8 provided that, if there has been a decrease in the Consumer Price Index
9 in the past two years, no adjustment in the travel allowances shall be
10 made for that biennium. The Office of State Budget and Management
11 shall cause to be published in the North Carolina Register the
12 increased travel allowances no later than December 1 of the year
13 before the year the increased allowances are to become effective.
14 When travel involves less than a full day (24-hour period), a
15 reasonable prorated amount shall be paid in accordance with
16 regulations and criteria which shall be promulgated and published by
17 the Director of the Budget. Reimbursement to State employees for
18 lunches eaten while on official business may be made only in the
19 following circumstances:

- 20 a. When an overnight stay is required reimbursement is allowed
21 while an employee is in travel status;
 - 22 b. When the cost of the lunch is included as part of a registration
23 fee for a formal congress, conference, assembly, or
24 convocation, by whatever name called. Such assembly must
25 involve the active participation of persons other than the
26 employees of a single State department, institution, or agency
27 and must be necessary for conducting official State business; or
 - 28 c. When the State employee is a member of a State board,
29 commission, committee, or council which operates from funds
30 deposited with the State Treasurer, and the lunch is preplanned
31 as part of the meeting for the entire board, commission,
32 committee, or council.
 - 33 d. When the lunch is included as an integral part of a congress,
34 conference, assembly, or convocation, by whatever name
35 called. Such assembly must involve the active participation of
36 persons other than the employees of a single State department,
37 institution, or agency; the employee's attendance must be
38 necessary for the performance of his duties but must not be part
39 of that employee's normal day-to-day business activities; and
40 the assembly must be planned in advance with a formal agenda,
41 and include a written notice or invitation to participants.
- 42 (4) For convention registration fees not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00)
43 per convention." ♦

44 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.