

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/SB 620 — Emergency Management

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senators Richter and Altman

The bill provides that the per diem expense reimbursement limitations under s. 112.061(6), F.S., do not apply to state employees traveling on an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) mission when such expenses are reimbursed pursuant to an amount agreed upon in an interstate mutual aid request for assistance.

The EMAC is an agreement between all 50 states to provide each other mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster declared by the governor of the affected state. The EMAC requires a member state that receives aid from another member state pursuant to the EMAC to reimburse the aiding member state for its expenses. Florida's current per diem limits may prevent a state employee from being fully reimbursed when certain EMAC missions take place in states where expenses exceed authorized reimbursement levels.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 114-0