

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senators Perry and Artiles

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the use of state funds; amending s.
3 112.061, F.S.; providing a limitation on actual
4 expenses of certain lodging that may be reimbursed for
5 a state agency or judicial branch employee;
6 authorizing an employee to expend his or her own funds
7 on lodging expenses that exceed a specified amount;
8 amending s. 286.27, F.S.; prohibiting the use of state
9 funds to purchase alcoholic beverages and to purchase
10 food or beverages for certain state agency
11 appreciation or recognition events; providing an
12 effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of
17 section 112.061, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
18 (d), paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that section is amended,
19 and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

20 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
21 employees, and authorized persons.—

22 (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.—For
23 purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation, per
24 diem and subsistence allowances are provided as follows:

25 (a) All travelers shall be allowed for subsistence when
26 traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling within
27 or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide state
28 business, which convention, conference, or business serves a
29 direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the public

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30 agency served by the person attending such meeting or conducting
31 such business, either of the following for each day of such
32 travel at the option of the traveler:

33 1. Eighty dollars per diem; or

34 2. If actual expenses exceed \$80, the amounts permitted in
35 paragraph (b) for subsistence, plus actual expenses for lodging
36 at a single-occupancy rate, except as provided in paragraph (c),
37 to be substantiated by paid bills therefor.

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39 When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the
40 traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of
41 such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximums ~~maximum~~
42 provided for in this subsection.

43 (c) Actual expenses for lodging associated with the
44 attendance of an employee of a state agency or the judicial
45 branch at a meeting, conference, or convention organized or
46 sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial
47 branch may not exceed \$150 per day. However, an employee may
48 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses that exceed
49 \$150 per day.

50 Section 2. Section 286.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to
51 read:

52 286.27 Prohibited uses ~~Use~~ of state funds ~~for greeting~~
53 ~~cards prohibited.~~ No State funds may not shall be expended for:

54 (1) The purchase, preparation, printing, or mailing of any
55 card the sole purpose of which is to convey holiday greetings.

56 (2) The purchase of alcoholic beverages.

57 (3) The purchase of food or beverages for events related to
58 state agency employee, board member, or vendor appreciation or

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59 recognition.

60 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.