



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 570

HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

By Representatives Cochran, Hazlewood

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1400

By Senator Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106, relative to members of the general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following new subdivision (2):

A member shall be paid a mileage allowance per mile pursuant to subdivision (c)(1) when using a personally owned vehicle, regardless of the type of vehicle used. However, if a member uses a personally owned vehicle other than an automobile as the member's mode of transportation, the total amount reimbursed for travel shall not exceed the amount the member would have received if the member had traveled by automobile.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) For each legislative day, which is defined as each day the general assembly, or either house thereof, officially convenes for the transaction of business, or for each day in attendance at any such other meeting as described in subsection (a), each member must be paid an expense allowance:

(A) For meals and incidentals in an amount equal to the allowance granted federal employees for such expenses in the Nashville area; and

(B) For lodging in an amount equal to the higher of:

(i) The annual average hotel rate for the previous calendar year in the Nashville central business district, as provided by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation or their successor organization if obtainable; or

(ii) The allowance granted federal employees for lodging expenses in the Nashville area.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(b)(3), is amended by deleting the following language:

the member shall be reimbursed an expense allowance for lodging equal to the allowance granted federal employees for lodging expense in the Nashville area.

and substituting instead the following:

the member must be reimbursed an expense allowance for lodging in an amount equal to the higher of:

(A) The annual average hotel rate for the previous calendar year in the Nashville central business district, as provided by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation or their successor organization if obtainable; or

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(B) The allowance granted federal employees for lodging expenses in the Nashville area.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(c), is amended by deleting the language "Wednesday or Thursday" and substituting instead the language "Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(f)(1), is amended by deleting the language "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)" and substituting instead "one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(f), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) On the date of the statewide general election in 2024 and on the date of the statewide general election every two (2) years thereafter, the expense allowance established in subdivision (f)(1) must be adjusted to reflect the percentage increase in the average consumer price index (all items-city average), as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the two-year period immediately preceding. Each such adjustment under this subdivision (f)(3) must be rounded up to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106, is amended by deleting subsection (g).

SECTION 8. Section 1 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. The remaining sections of this act take effect November 8, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 4, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR