
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Original House Bill No. 398 by Representative Zeringue

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 39:231(A)" and before "and to enact" insert "and (C)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 24 On page 1, line 4, after "state for" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of
5 line 5, delete "exceptions;" and insert "meals and incidental expenses;"6 AMENDMENT NO. 37 On page 1, line 9, after "payment for" and before "or incidental" delete "lodging, meals," and
8 insert "meals"9 AMENDMENT NO. 410 On page 1, delete line 11 and insert "Notwithstanding any"11 AMENDMENT NO. 512 On page 1, at the beginning of line 14, delete "lodging, meals," and insert "meals"13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 1, delete lines 16 through 19 and on page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

15 AMENDMENT NO. 716 On page 2, line 4, after "payment for" and before "or incidental" delete "lodging, meals," and
17 insert "meals"18 AMENDMENT NO. 819 On page 2, delete line 6, and insert "Notwithstanding any"20 AMENDMENT NO. 921 On page 2, line 8, after "more for" and before "or incidental" delete "lodging, meals," and
22 insert "meals"23 AMENDMENT NO. 10

24 On page 2, delete lines 11 through 16

25 AMENDMENT NO. 11

26 On page 2, line 17, after "39:231(A)" delete "is" and insert "and (C) are"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 1228 On page 2, at the end of line 20, insert "and maximum"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 13

2 On page 2, line 21, after "meals" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 22

3 AMENDMENT NO. 14

4 On page 3, delete line 1 and insert the following:

5 "C.(1) The commissioner of administration shall not establish meal
6 allowances for state employees at a price below two dollars and seventy-five cents
7 for breakfast, three dollars and twenty-five cents for lunch, and five dollars for
8 dinner.

9 (2) Notwithstanding"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 15

11 On page 3, line 3, after "more for" and before "or incidental" delete "lodging, meals," and
12 insert "meals"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 16

14 On page 3, delete lines 6 through 11 and insert the following:

15 ** * *
16 E.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, during
17 a state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor pursuant to R.S. 29:724,
18 the maximum allowable reimbursement for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses
19 for state public officials and employees who are performing duties directly related
20 to the declared emergency or disaster may exceed the amounts established by the
21 United States General Services Administration by not more than seventy-five percent
22 of the applicable rate established by the United States General Services
23 Administration for the locality in which the expenses are incurred.

24 (2) The increased reimbursement rate authorized by Paragraph (1) of this
25 Subsection shall apply only to expenses incurred:

26 (a) Within the designated emergency area as identified in the governor's
27 executive order or proclamation, or in any area to which state personnel are deployed
28 in direct response to the declared emergency or disaster.

29 (b) During the period beginning on the date of the governor's declaration of
30 a state of disaster or emergency and ending on the date of the termination of the
31 declared state of disaster or emergency, or thirty days after the date of the
32 declaration, whichever occurs first. If the governor renews the declaration pursuant
33 to R.S. 29:724(B)(1), the increased reimbursement rate shall continue for the
34 duration of the renewed declaration.

35 (3) Each budget unit claiming reimbursement at the increased rate authorized
36 by this Subsection shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the
37 expenses were incurred in direct connection with the declared emergency or disaster
38 and shall submit such documentation to the commissioner of administration within
39 sixty days after the termination of the declared state of disaster or emergency."

40 AMENDMENT NO. 17

41 On page 3, line 12, after "expenses for" and before "meals" delete "lodging and"