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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a state employee receives a meal allowance of 15 percent of the regular per diem rate for a trip of six to 12 hours' duration.

This bill would provide that a state employee receives a meal allowance of 17.5 percent of the regular per diem rate for a trip of six to 12 hours' duration.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state employees; to amend Section 36-7-20, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the meal allowance in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-7-20, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§36-7-20

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 36-7-21, the amount allowable to an individual traveling inside the State of Alabama in the service of the state or any of its departments, institutions, boards, bureaus, commissions,



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29 councils, committees, or other like agencies for expenses
30 other than transportation may be fixed by the Governor at not
31 less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) per day, and this amount
32 shall be uniform in operation as to all individuals traveling
33 within the state on official business under this section,
34 provided, no individual shall be entitled to reimbursement
35 under both this section and under Section 36-7-21 for any
36 travel segment.

37 (b) No travel allowance shall be paid for a trip of
38 less than six hours' duration. For travel that does not
39 require an overnight stay, the traveler shall be paid a meal
40 allowance of ~~15~~17.5 percent of the regular per diem rate for
41 a trip of from six to 12 hours' duration, and for travel in
42 excess of 12 hours' duration, the traveler shall be paid one
43 meal allowance and one-fourth of the per diem allowance.

44 (c) The per diem allowance shall not be paid to an
45 employee stationed at the same place in the state for a period
46 in excess of two consecutive months. After two consecutive
47 months the amount of the allowance shall be reduced to 75
48 percent of the regular per diem rate per day.

49 (d) This section shall not apply to examiners or other
50 individuals designated by the Commissioner of Insurance to
51 examine or cause to be examined the domestic insurance
52 corporations qualified in this state when the expense incurred
53 by those individuals shall be paid by, collected, or received
54 from the corporations examined under Section 27-2-25.

55 (e) This section shall be optional with the employing
56 agency in those instances where the employee is required to



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57 attend training sessions, schools, seminars, or other like
58 group functions at a facility when it would serve the best
59 interests of both the state and the employee, or in those
60 instances when the employee is assigned to assist in
61 suppressing on-going natural disaster situations, or other
62 emergencies. In those cases, the cost of meals and per diem
63 may be paid as set forth herein or by the employing agency of
64 the state directly to the contract facility furnishing the
65 service, but the costs of these services shall not exceed the
66 amount allowable to the individual employee for in-state
67 travel.

68 (f) For purposes of applying this section to members of
69 the Legislature, each of the following shall apply:

70 (1) The presiding officer of the house to which the
71 member belongs shall determine if the travel is in the service
72 of the state.

73 (2) In connection with the same travel, members of the
74 Legislature shall receive per diem under this section except
75 in either of the following instances:

76 a. For attendance on special or regular session days or
77 committee meeting days of the Legislature when otherwise
78 compensated pursuant to law.

79 b. For attendance on interim committee meeting days of
80 the Legislature when otherwise compensated pursuant to law.

81 (3) Travel means a departure from the place of
82 residence of the member of the Legislature."

83 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
84 1, 2025.