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SENATE BILL NO. 926

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance
on January 31, 1995)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Chichester)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 14.1-5 and 14.1-5.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reimbursement for travel expenses while on the business of the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 14.1-5 and 14.1-5.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 14.1-5. Traveling expenses on state business; public or private transportation.

~~Any~~ Pursuant to § 14.1-5.2, any person traveling on state business shall be entitled to reimbursement; as provided in ~~§ 14.1-5.2~~, for such certain of his actual expenses as are necessary and ordinarily incidental to such travel. If conveyance is by public transportation, reimbursement shall be at the actual cost thereof. If conveyance is by private transportation, reimbursement shall be at the rate as specified in the current general appropriation act of the Commonwealth. The members and employees of public school boards may be reimbursed for private transportation at a rate not greater than that which is authorized for persons traveling on state business hereunder. Whatever rate is paid, however, shall be the same both for board members and for employees of the board.

§ 14.1-5.2. Reimbursement for certain travel expenditures.

Persons conducting official business of the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary travel expenditures; ~~including but not limited to, meals, lodging,~~ which shall include transportation as provided pursuant to in § 14.1-5, parking, and ~~gratuities~~ lodging. Receipts for lodging and transportation, if by other than privately owned automobile or state-owned vehicle, shall be submitted with any travel expense account presented to the Comptroller for payment. Transportation by common carrier shall be limited to the cost for travel by the most direct practicable route, and in amounts not exceeding those for tourist or coach class accommodations, if such accommodations are available. *Persons conducting official business of the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed for the reasonable and necessary actual costs of meals, gratuities, and other incidental expenses. At the discretion of the governing authority, a per diem payment may be made in lieu of this reimbursement for meals, gratuities, and other incidental expenses. The Comptroller shall establish policies on travel expenses for all agencies in the executive branch of government. Policies on travel expenses for the legislative branch, judicial branch, and independent agencies shall be established by the appropriate governing authority.*