

Department of Planning and Budget

2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2277

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Keam

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Compensation paid to citizen members of state boards, commissions, and other collegial bodies.

5. Summary: This bill provides that citizen members of boards, commissions, committees, councils, or other collegial bodies, who are appointed at the state level, who receive three or more travel reimbursements annually shall be required to participate in the Electronic Data Interchange Program administered by the Department of Accounts as a condition of accepting such appointment. The bill provides that the requirement applies only to such citizen members who are appointed or reappointed on or after July 1, 2011.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires citizen members of state-appointed collegial bodies to enroll in the Electronic Data Interchange Program (EDI), run by the Department of Accounts. Requiring enrollment in EDI reduces costs to the state by reducing the number of reimbursement checks issued. The Department of the Treasury estimates a cost of approximately \$1 for each check issued. Therefore, any savings resulting from this bill is estimated at \$1 per check avoided.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Accounts, Department of the Treasury, any boards, commissions, committees, councils, or other collegial bodies appointed at the state level with citizen members who receive three or more travel reimbursements annually.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Certain institutions of higher education are currently authorized to manage separate EDI programs. Clarifying language may want to be added to lines 40 or 41 to include programs administered by these institutions.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: January 27, 2011

c: Secretary of Finance