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SENATE BILL 2020

Short Title: Legislators' Compensation Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Webster.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Effective upon convening of the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly, G.S. 120-3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.

(a) The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-eight thousand one hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151)~~ forty nine thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars (\$49,532) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413)~~ one thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,835) per month. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-eight thousand one hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151)~~ forty nine thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars (\$49,532) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413)~~ one thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,835) per month. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars (\$21,739)~~ twenty nine thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$29,115) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~eight hundred thirty six dollars (\$836.00)~~ one thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$1,120) per month. The Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars (\$21,739)~~ twenty-nine thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$29,115) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~eight hundred thirty six dollars (\$836.00)~~ one thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$1,120) per month. The majority and minority leaders in the House and the majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~seventeen thousand forty eight dollars (\$17,048)~~ twenty-three thousand three hundred sixty-six dollars (\$23, 366) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~six hundred sixty six dollars (\$666.00)~~ nine hundred thirteen dollars (\$913.00) per month.

1 (b) Every other member of the General Assembly shall receive increases in
2 annual salary only to the extent of and in the amounts equal to the average increases
3 received by employees of the State, effective upon convening of the next Regular
4 Session of the General Assembly after enactment of these increased amounts, except no
5 such increase is granted upon the convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General
6 Assembly. Accordingly, upon convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General
7 Assembly, every other member of the General Assembly shall be paid an annual salary
8 of ~~thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty one dollars (\$13,951)~~ nineteen thousand five
9 hundred seventy-one dollars (\$19,571) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of
10 ~~five hundred fifty nine dollars (\$559.00)~~ seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$784.00)
11 per month.

12 (b1) Effective upon convening of the 2009 Regular Session and biennially
13 thereafter, the dollar amounts of salary under subsections (a) and (b) of this section are
14 increased by an amount equal to the average salary increases received by employees of
15 the State, as certified by the Legislative Services Officer.

16 (c) The salary and expense allowances provided in this section are in addition to
17 any per diem compensation and any subsistence and travel allowance authorized by any
18 other law with respect to any regular or extra session of the General Assembly, and
19 service on any State board, agency, commission, standing committee and study
20 commission."

21 **SECTION 2.** Effective upon convening of the 2007 Regular Session of the
22 General Assembly, G.S. 120-3.1(a) reads as rewritten:

23 "(a) In addition to compensation for their services, members of the General
24 Assembly shall be paid the following allowances:

- 25 (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the
26 General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the
27 weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by
28 multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to
29 the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile which is the business standard
30 mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
31 December 27, 1993.
- 32 (2) A travel allowance at the rate which is the business standard mileage
33 rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in ~~Rev. Proc. 93-51,~~
34 ~~December 27, 1993,~~ Rev. Proc. 2005-78, whenever the member
35 travels, whether in or out of session, as a representative of the General
36 Assembly or of its committees or commissions, with the approval of
37 the Legislative Services Commission.
- 38 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging ~~at a daily rate equal to~~
39 ~~the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh,~~
40 ~~North Carolina, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22,~~
41 ~~1993),~~ at the rate of one hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$127.00) per
42 day while the General Assembly is in session and, except as otherwise
43 provided in this subdivision, while the General Assembly is not in
44 session when, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives in the case of Representatives or the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate in case of Senators, the member is:

- 3 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
4 committees or commissions, or
5 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

6 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of session,
7 within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to receive,
8 in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a
9 subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,
10 plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
11 satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed
12 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the
13 same ~~place, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December~~
14 ~~22, 1993) and at 59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994).~~place
15 as set out by the General Services Administration for the Continental
16 United States for the 2006 federal fiscal year, noticed at 70 Federal
17 Register 52100.

- 18 (4) A member may be reimbursed for registration fees as permitted by the
19 Legislative Services Commission."

20 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
21 Assembly the sum of one million eight hundred eighty thousand six hundred thirty-two
22 dollars (\$1,880,632) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund the legislators' compensation
23 changes authorized by this act.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.