

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR**
2 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE TRAINING DAYS**

3 2015 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

6 Senate Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint rules resolution of the Legislature modifies provisions related to legislative
11 expense reimbursement.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ defines a term;
- 15 ▶ amends the powers and duties of the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee;

16 and

17 ▶ allows expense reimbursement for lodging, meals, and transportation for certain
18 authorized legislative training days.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 **§→ [None] This bill provides for retrospective operation. ←§**

21 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23 **JR5-1-101**

24 **JR5-1-102**

25 **JR5-2-101**

26 **JR5-2-102**

27 **JR5-2-103**



59 furtherance of the legislator's or legislator elect's official duties.

60 [~~2~~] (3) "Reimbursement" means money paid to compensate a legislator for money
61 spent by the legislator in furtherance of the legislator's official duties.

62 Section 2. **JR5-1-102** is amended to read:

63 **JR5-1-102. Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.**

64 (1) The presiding officer and the majority leader and minority leader of each house are
65 the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee for that house.

66 (2) Each committee shall:

67 (a) establish procedures to implement the rules on legislative expenses, including
68 establishing systems and procedures for the reimbursement of legislative expenses;

69 (b) ensure that procedures are established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or
70 improper payments or reimbursements; and

71 (c) meet at least annually, or at the request of a majority of the committee, to review
72 legislative expenses and travel budgets.

73 (3) Each committee may, ~~§~~ → [im] for ← ~~§~~ a calendar year, authorize:

74 (a) up to four authorized legislative training days for a legislator; and

75 (b) up to two additional authorized legislative training days for a:

76 (i) legislator-elect; or

77 (ii) legislator who is in the first year of office.

78 [~~3~~] (4) The presiding officer may authorize temporary emergency legislative
79 expenses.

80 Section 3. **JR5-2-101** is amended to read:

81 **JR5-2-101. Reimbursement of lodging.**

82 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, if a legislator's official duties [~~for an~~
83 ~~authorized legislative day~~] necessitate overnight accommodations, the legislator may receive
84 reimbursement for any actual lodging expenses incurred by the legislator, not to exceed the
85 daily rates published in the administrative rules governing reimbursement of lodging expenses
86 for state employees[-], for an:

87 (a) authorized legislative day; or

88 (b) authorized legislative training day.

89 (2) Reimbursement for actual lodging expenses for a legislator for an authorized

- 121 (iii) the cost of parking actually incurred by the legislator; or
- 122 (c) for commercial transportation:
- 123 (i) the actual cost of the transportation, which shall be limited to coach or standard
- 124 economy class, incurred by the legislator to and from the legislative meeting;
- 125 (ii) the private vehicle mileage actually incurred by the legislator to and from the
- 126 terminus of the commercial transportation; and
- 127 (iii) the cost of parking actually incurred by the legislator.

128 (3) Reimbursement for actual transportation costs incurred for a legislator for an
129 authorized legislative day or an authorized legislative training day shall be as provided in
130 procedures established by the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

130a **§→ Section 6. Retrospective operation.**

130b **This joint resolution of the Legislature has retrospective operation to November 15, 2014. ←§**

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