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Short Title: Judicial Department Travel Reimbursement. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Baskerville, Jordan, and Glazier (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Judiciary, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 1, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE RESTRICTION ON TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT TO SUPERIOR COURT AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE AND TO MAKE THE REIMBURSEMENT LANGUAGE FOR THOSE OFFICES CONSISTENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-44(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A judge of the superior court, regular or special, shall receive the annual salary set forth in the Current Operations Appropriations Act, and in addition shall be paid the same travel allowance reimbursement as State employees generally by G.S. 138-6(a), ~~provided that no travel allowance be paid for travel within his county of residence. G.S. 138-6(a) when traveling on official business.~~ The Administrative Officer of the Courts may also reimburse superior court judges, in addition to the above funds for travel, for travel and subsistence expenses incurred for professional education."

SECTION 2. G.S. 7A-65(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The annual salary of:

- (1) District attorneys shall be as provided in the Current Operations Appropriations Act.
- (2) Full-time assistant district attorneys shall be as provided in the Current Operations Appropriations Act.

When traveling on official business, each district attorney and assistant district attorney is entitled to reimbursement ~~for his or her subsistence expenses~~ to the same extent as State employees generally. ~~When traveling on official business outside his or her county of residence, each district attorney and assistant district attorney is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses to the same extent as State employees generally. generally under G.S. 138-6(a).~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term "official business" does not include regular, daily commuting between a person's home and the district attorney's office. Travel distances, for purposes of reimbursement for mileage, shall be determined according to the travel policy of the Administrative Office of the Courts."

SECTION 3. G.S. 7A-144(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Each judge shall receive the annual salary provided in the Current Operations Appropriations Act, and reimbursement on the same basis as State employees generally, ~~for his or her necessary subsistence expenses and for travel expenses generally under G.S. 138-6(a)~~



1 when traveling on official ~~business outside the judge's county of residence.~~business. For
2 purposes of this subsection, the term "official business" does not include regular, daily
3 commuting between a judge's home and the court. Travel distances, for purposes of
4 reimbursement for mileage, shall be determined according to the travel policy of the
5 Administrative Office of the Courts."

6 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 7A-498.7(c1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(c1) When traveling on official business, each public defender and assistant public
8 defender is entitled to reimbursement ~~for his or her subsistence expenses~~ to the same extent as
9 State employees ~~generally.~~ ~~When traveling on official business outside his or her county of~~
10 ~~residence, each public defender and assistant public defender is entitled to reimbursement for~~
11 ~~travel expenses to the same extent as State employees generally.~~ generally under G.S. 138-6(a).
12 For purposes of this subsection, the term "official business" does not include regular, daily
13 commuting between a person's home and the public defender's office. Travel distances, for
14 purposes of reimbursement for mileage, shall be determined according to the travel policy of
15 the Administrative Office of the Courts."

16 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.