

Senate Bill 23

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 annual salaries of certain state officials, so as to provide that members of the General  
3 Assembly may be reimbursed for certain membership dues; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual  
8 salaries of certain state officials, is amended by striking in its entirety subparagraph (C) of  
9 paragraph (22) of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members of  
11 the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential and  
12 for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties within the state as a member  
13 of the General Assembly in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per year. Expenses  
14 reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of the following  
15 purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal services, dues for  
16 membership in organizations related to legislative duties, printing and publications,  
17 rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications, transportation, utilities, and  
18 purchasing or leasing of equipment. If equipment purchased by a member has a  
19 depreciated value of \$100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment  
20 does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be made for any  
21 postage which is used for a political newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for  
22 lodging or meals for any day for which a member receives the daily expense allowance  
23 as provided in this paragraph. Such expenses shall be reimbursed upon the submission  
24 of sworn vouchers to the legislative fiscal office. Such sworn vouchers shall be  
25 accompanied by a supporting document or documents showing payment for each

1 expense claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation. No sworn  
2 voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem differential."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.