

Senate Bill 502

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Chapman of the 3rd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to reimbursement of expenses, so as to provide that all nonelected members of state
3 authorities, boards, commissions, councils, or other bodies shall be compensated only for
4 their actual expenses incurred in service to such authority, board, commission, council, or
5 other body and shall not be entitled to any expense allowance or per diem; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 reimbursement of expenses, is amended by revising Code Section 45-7-21, relating to
11 expense allowance and travel cost reimbursement for members of certain boards and
12 commissions, as follows:

13 "45-7-21.

14 ~~(a) Each member~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, members of
15 the state authorities, boards, and commissions, councils, and other such bodies who are not
16 elected public officers enumerated in this Code section shall receive the same expense
17 allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly for each day such
18 member of a board or commission is in attendance at a meeting of such board or
19 commission, plus only reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by
20 public carrier or the legal mileage rate for the use of a personal automobile in connection
21 with ~~such attendance at a meeting of such authority, board, commission, council, or other~~
22 such body. ~~The expense allowance and reimbursement provided for in this Code section~~
23 ~~shall be paid in lieu of any per diem, allowance, or other remuneration now received by any~~
24 ~~such member for such attendance. The existing law relative to any limitation on the~~
25 ~~number of meeting days and remuneration for service on committees or subcommittees of~~
26 ~~any such board or commission shall remain in effect. The boards and commissions to~~

27 ~~which this Code section shall be applicable are as follows: Such members shall not receive~~
 28 ~~an expense allowance, per diem, or any other form of compensation whatsoever for their~~
 29 ~~service except for such expense reimbursement.~~

30 ~~(1) State Board of Education;~~

31 ~~(2) State Medical Education Board;~~

32 ~~(3) Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia;~~

33 ~~(4) Board of Corrections;~~

34 ~~(5) Board of Economic Development;~~

35 ~~(6) Board of Natural Resources;~~

36 ~~(7) State Transportation Board;~~

37 ~~(8) Dental Education Board;~~

38 ~~(9) Georgia Student Finance Commission;~~

39 ~~(10) Veterans Service Board;~~

40 ~~(11) Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;~~

41 ~~(12) Georgia Board for Physician Workforce;~~

42 ~~(13) Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority;~~

43 ~~(14) Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority;~~

44 ~~(15) Georgia Rail Passenger Authority;~~

45 ~~(16) Georgia Tobacco Community Development Board;~~

46 ~~(17) State Board of Technical and Adult Education;~~

47 ~~(18) Civil War Commission; and~~

48 ~~(19) The delegation from the State of Georgia to the Southern Dairy Compact~~
 49 ~~Commission.~~

50 ~~(b) Whenever this Code section or any other law of this state provides that members of any~~
 51 ~~board, commission, or other body shall receive the same daily expense allowance as~~
 52 ~~members of the General Assembly, whether by specific reference to this Code section or~~
 53 ~~any other law or by a more general reference, the members of such board, commission, or~~
 54 ~~other body shall receive a daily expense allowance of \$105.00. Such \$105.00 amount shall~~
 55 ~~apply for members of such boards, commissions, and other bodies, regardless of whether~~
 56 ~~the amount actually received by members of the General Assembly under Code Section~~
 57 ~~28-1-8 is more or less than \$105.00. The provisions of this subsection Code section shall~~
 58 ~~control over any conflicting provisions of any other earlier enacted law."~~

59 **SECTION 2.**

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