



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1153

Introduced by: **Representative Weisgram**

1 **An Act to update travel expenses, moving expenses, and other reimbursements.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 3-9-2.2 be AMENDED:**

4 **3-9-2.2.** The State Board of Finance may authorize a meal expense reimbursement
 5 ~~of at the~~ per diem rate to any agency, state officer, or employee conducting state business
 6 at an event extending entirely through a meal time without interruption, regardless of
 7 whether the attending officer or employee is away from his or her place of residence or
 8 headquarters station. The reimbursement request may be ~~authorized~~ made by an agency
 9 representative, state officer, or employee only if the attending officer's or employee's
 10 participation in the event is approved by the head of the officer's or employee's
 11 department or office, and if the event includes provision of a meal for which the agency,
 12 officer, or employee is billed ~~and the meal is approved in writing by the department or~~
 13 ~~office head, or by the Governor.~~

14 The authorization shall be made on a form prescribed by the Governor. A
 15 certification of the approval of the department or office head shall accompany the claim
 16 filed pursuant to § 3-9-8.

17 **Section 2. That § 3-9-9 be AMENDED:**

18 **3-9-9.** ~~All~~ current full-time ~~officers and employees~~ officer or employee, except an
 19 elected constitutional ~~officers~~ officer of the State of South Dakota, may receive a
 20 household moving allowance ~~as provided by this section.~~

21 ~~If a full-time~~ The officer or employee ~~has been continuously employed by the state~~
 22 ~~for a period of not less than six months and is ordered~~ is eligible for the allowance if the
 23 officer or employee is transferred by the department, institution, board, commission, or
 24 other state agency to move from ~~a~~ the officer's or employee's headquarter duty station in
 25 South Dakota to another headquarter duty station in South Dakota, if the duty stations

1 ~~are at least fifty miles apart, and if such transfer is made at the request and for the benefit~~
2 ~~of the State of South Dakota, the~~ The officer or employee ~~shall~~ may be reimbursed for
3 ~~household moving expenses incurred, as approved by the state auditor~~ paid up to an
4 amount equal to three months of the officer's or employee's salary but not to exceed
5 fifteen thousand dollars. The amount must be provided by the agency head in the offer
6 letter to the officer or employee.

7 **Section 3. That § 3-9-10 be AMENDED:**

8 **3-9-10.** Each officer or employee who may be entitled to ~~reimbursement~~ an
9 allowance under § 3-9-9 or 3-9-12 shall submit a claim voucher ~~supported with evidence~~
10 ~~of actual~~ to the state auditor with an application for payment of the household moving
11 ~~expenses~~ allowance and a copy of the ~~official action~~ offer letter of the department,
12 institution, board, commission, or other state agency authorizing the ~~move and showing~~
13 ~~a justifiable need for such moving~~ transfer or hire. A household moving allowance
14 application must be made on a form prescribed by the Governor and requires the approval
15 of the department head.

16 **Section 4. That § 3-9-12 be AMENDED:**

17 **3-9-12.** For the purpose of assisting in the recruitment of ~~professional staff, it is~~
18 ~~the policy of the State of South Dakota that such persons may be reimbursed for travel~~
19 ~~and moving expenses. The travel expenses may include the expenses of the person being~~
20 ~~recruited and the immediate family who are members of the household. The moving~~
21 ~~expense may include household goods only to the assigned headquarter duty station in~~
22 ~~South Dakota from the individual's residence~~ new state employees, a person being
23 recruited, if the person is not a current state employee, may receive a household moving
24 allowance for moving greater than fifty miles to the person's headquarter duty station in
25 the same manner and amount as established in § 3-9-9 for the transfer of state
26 employees. ~~However, in no event may the reimbursement be in excess of one month's~~
27 ~~salary.~~