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SYNOPSIS

Requires stipends for certain members of boards, commissions, committees, and other public entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning payment of stipends to certain public entities
2 and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or
8 regulation to the contrary, a member of a board, commission,
9 committee, task force, or similar multi-member entity created by
10 law and allocated within a principal department of the Executive
11 Branch of the State government or within any other State entity
12 shall be paid a stipend for each month in which a meeting held by
13 the board, commission, committee, task force, or similar entity is
14 attended by the member. This stipend shall not be paid to a member
15 of a board, commission, committee, task force, or similar entity for
16 whom the State already provides by law or otherwise a salary,
17 stipend, or remuneration for services rendered as a member that is
18 in excess of the amount set by the head of each department or the
19 head of any other State entity in accordance with subsection b. of
20 this section. A stipend shall be paid to a member who receives a
21 stipend or remuneration that is less than the amount set in
22 subsection b. of this section in such additional amount as will
23 provide together with the stipend paid the amount of the stipend set.

24 b. The stipend shall be in an amount that is at least \$300 but
25 not more than to \$1,500 as set by the head of each department or
26 other State entity. The head of each department or the head of any
27 other State entity, as appropriate within which a board, commission,
28 committee, task force, or similar entity is allocated shall set, for
29 each calendar year, the specific amount of the stipend that will be
30 paid to the members of a board, commission, committee, task force,
31 or similar entity. The same amount of stipend shall be paid to all
32 members of the same of a board, commission, committee, task
33 force, or similar entity. The head of the department shall take into
34 consideration when setting the amount of the stipend to be paid to
35 the members of a board, commission, committee, task force, or
36 similar entity, the number of meetings held per month and the scope
37 of responsibilities of the members.

38 c. The total amount to be paid annually for stipends shall be
39 paid primarily from an appropriation of the fees collected by the
40 board, commission, committee, task force, or similar entity. If there
41 are no fees collected, or the fees are insufficient, or the fees are
42 otherwise dedicated by law for another purpose, there shall be an
43 appropriation from the State General Fund for the payment of the
44 stipends.

45 d. The head of each department or the head of any other State
46 entity shall prepare an annual report to be transmitted to the
47 Governor and the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of

1 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), containing the amount of the
2 stipend to be disbursed to the members of each specific board,
3 commission, committee, task force, or similar entity.

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately but remain inoperative
6 for 60 days following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill requires members of a board, commission, committee,
12 task force, and other similar entity that is created in a principal
13 Executive Branch department of the New Jersey State government
14 to be paid a stipend for work as a member of the specific entity. The
15 stipend is to be paid each month in which a meeting is held by the
16 specific entity and is attended by the member. A stipend is not to be
17 paid where the law already provides for a salary, stipend, or
18 remuneration that is in excess of the amount of the stipend set by
19 the head of each department or the head of any other State entity in
20 accordance with this bill. A stipend will still be paid to a member
21 who receives a stipend or remuneration that is less than the amount
22 set in this bill, in such additional amount as will provide together
23 with the stipend paid the amount of the stipend set.

24 Under the bill, each stipend is to be in an amount that is at least
25 \$300 but not more than to \$1,500 as set by the head of each
26 department or other State entity. The head of each department or the
27 head of any other State entity, as appropriate within which a board,
28 commission, committee, task force, or similar entity is allocated
29 shall set, for each calendar year, the specific amount of the stipend
30 that will be paid to the members of a board, commission,
31 committee, task force, or similar entity. Additionally, the head of
32 each department or other State entity that oversees a board,
33 commission, committee, task force, or similar entity is to transmit a
34 report to the Governor and Legislature containing the dollar amount
35 of the stipend to be disbursed to the specific board, commission,
36 committee, task force, or similar entity.