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SENATE BILL 790

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS; IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS  
ON OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL BY PUBLIC OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND  
EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Per Diem and Mileage Act  
is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PRIOR APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL  
REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED. --

A. No public officer, public official or employee of  
a state agency shall be reimbursed for any expense of out-of-  
state travel by that officer, official or employee unless the  
state agency has received prior approval of the travel from the  
state board of finance. The board shall adopt regulations  
establishing the contents of an application for approval and the

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1 criteria that will be applied to a request for approval in  
2 considering the action to be taken, which criteria shall include  
3 requirements that the requesting agency:

4 (1) show specific budgetary authorization and  
5 availability of funds for the requested travel; and

6 (2) demonstrate to the board's satisfaction  
7 that the requested travel will produce specific benefits to the  
8 agency that are reasonable when subjected to a cost-benefit  
9 analysis.

10 B. No public officer, public official or employee of  
11 a public post-secondary educational institution shall be  
12 reimbursed for any expense of out-of-state travel by that  
13 officer, official or employee unless the institution has  
14 received prior approval of the travel from the commission on  
15 higher education. The commission shall adopt regulations  
16 establishing the contents of an application for approval and the  
17 criteria that will be applied to a request for approval in  
18 considering the action to be taken, which criteria shall include  
19 requirements that the requesting institution:

20 (1) show specific budgetary authorization and  
21 availability of funds for the requested travel; and

22 (2) demonstrate to the commission's  
23 satisfaction that the requested travel will produce specific  
24 benefits to the institution that are reasonable when subjected  
25 to a cost-benefit analysis.

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Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1996.

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7 Mr. Presi dent:  
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9 Your COMMI TTEES' COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT  
14 TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the FINANCE  
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17 Respectfully submi tted,  
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5 February 8, 1996  
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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your FINANCE COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that  
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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

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Excused: Fidel, Donisthorpe, Macias, Nava

Absent: None

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