

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

Under former law there were different standards for payment of per diem to public employees serving on different types of state boards and advisory groups. This act makes the standards consistent. Under these standards, public employees do not receive the \$55 per diem payments for activities that occur during working hours for which they are compensated by the public employer, unless the employee uses vacation time. The act also requires each board and council to adopt internal standards prescribing conditions under which any member may receive per diem.

- 1 **Board compensation.** Provides that public employee members of state boards must not receive the \$55 per diem payment for board activity that occurs during working hours for which they are compensated by the public employer. However, the employee can receive per diem if the employee uses vacation time for board activities. Requires each board to adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent on board activities for purposes of receiving per diem.
- 2 **Advisory council and committee compensation.** Provides that public employee members of state advisory councils and committees must not receive the \$55 per diem payment for council or committee activity that occurs during working hours for which they are compensated by the public employer. However, the employee can receive per diem if the employee uses vacation time for council or committee activities. Requires each council and committee to adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent on council or committee activities for purposes of receiving per diem.
- 3 **Occupational licensing board.** Provides that public employee members of state occupational licensing boards must not receive the \$55 per diem payment for board activity that occurs during working hours for which they are compensated by the public employer. However, the employee can receive per diem if the employee uses vacation time for board activities. Requires each board to adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent on board activities for

purposes of receiving per diem.

4 **Effective date.** Effective July 1, 2001, and applies to service on or after that date.