

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1960

By: Representative House

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE SPENDING BY STATE ENTITIES IN
RELATION TO GIFTS, FOOD, AND OTHER ITEMS AND SERVICES
PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REGULATE SPENDING BY STATE ENTITIES IN
RELATION TO GIFTS, FOOD, AND OTHER ITEMS
AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-108. Use of appropriations to benefit members of General Assembly prohibited – Exceptions – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Court" means a district court, a county court, a circuit court, the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court, or any other office of the judicial branch of this state receiving an appropriation by the State of Arkansas;

(2) "Political subdivision" means a city, town, district, or county of the state receiving an appropriation by the state;

(3) "Public school" means a public institution of higher education or a public school for any grade kindergarten through twelve (K-12) receiving an appropriation by the state; and



(4)(A) "State agency" means:

(i) An agency, institution, authority, department, board, commission, bureau, council, or any office of the executive branch of the state receiving an appropriation by the state;

(ii) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission; or

(iii) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

(B) "State agency" does not mean an agency, institution, authority, department, board, commission, bureau, council, or any office of the legislative branch of the state receiving an appropriation by the state, including without limitation the:

(i) Bureau of Legislative Research;

(ii) General Assembly;

(iii) Division of Legislative Audit; or

(iv) Legislative Council.

(b) State revenue funds appropriated for a court, political subdivision, public school, or state agency shall not be used to purchase gifts, food, or beverages for a member of the General Assembly during:

(1) A fiscal session, regular session, or extraordinary session;

(2) The thirty-day period immediately preceding the convening of a fiscal session, regular session, or extraordinary session; or

(3) The thirty-day period immediately following the sine die adjournment of a fiscal session, regular session, or extraordinary session.

(c) Subsection (b) of this section does not prohibit a court, political subdivision, public school, or state agency from providing a member of the General Assembly:

(1) A meal when the member is touring a facility of the court, political subdivision, public school, or state agency in his or her capacity as a member of a legislative committee during a time not specified under subsection (b) of this section;

(2) With incidental travel arrangements or payment of incidental travel expenses when the member is touring a facility of the court, political subdivision, public school, or state agency in his or her capacity as a member of a legislative committee during a time not specified under subsection (b) of this section;

(3)(A) An incidental serving of a nonalcoholic beverage on any

day of the calendar year.

(B) Beverages that may be served under subdivision

(c)(3)(A) of this section include without limitation:

(i) Coffee;

(ii) Tea;

(iii) Milk;

(iv) Soft drinks; and

(v) Juice; or

(4) An item that is provided for free to any member of the public upon request.

/s/House