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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES BY**
102 **STATE-CHARTERED ENTITIES ON BEHALF OF PERSONS**
103 **AFFILIATED WITH SUCH ENTITIES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill prohibits any state-chartered entity from making travel-related expenditures on behalf of a board member, officer, or employee of the entity (covered person) in an amount that would exceed, on a daily basis, 2 times the maximum allowable federal per diem rate

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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that governs the location in which the person is traveling, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar, as determined by the United States general services administration, as of October 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the per diem rate is to be used. If the state-chartered entity expends moneys on travel-related expenses on behalf of a covered person in excess of the amount authorized by this section, the bill requires the covered person to reimburse the fund of the state-chartered entity for the entire sum in excess of the authorized amount.

The bill also prohibits a state-chartered entity from making travel-related expenditures on behalf of the spouse or a member of the immediate family of a covered person. In the event a state-chartered entity makes travel-related expenditures on behalf of the spouse or a member of the immediate family of a covered person, the covered person is required to reimburse the fund of the state-chartered entity for the entire sum spent by the entity on such expenditures.

The bill authorizes any person who believes that a violation of its terms has occurred to file a complaint with the secretary of state. The bill establishes procedures for the adjudication of the complaint. The bill establishes penalties for a violation of its terms, including an order directing the covered person, or the spouse or a member of the immediate family of a covered person, as applicable, on whose behalf illegal travel-related expenditures were made to reimburse the fund of the state-chartered entity for some or all of the expenditures in accordance with the requirements of the bill.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY
THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

ARTICLE 19.9

Restrictions on Travel-related Expenditures

by Public Entities

24-19.9-101. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE
CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "COVERED PERSON" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OR COMPARABLE GOVERNING BODY, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE
OF A PUBLIC ENTITY.

1 (2) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE
2 UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, JUNIOR COLLEGE, LOCAL
3 DISTRICT COLLEGE, OR AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DESCRIBED IN TITLE 23,
4 C.R.S.

5 (3) "PUBLIC ENTITY" MEANS ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
6 STATE OR ANY INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE THAT IS NOT AN AGENCY
7 OF THE STATE AND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION
8 BY ANY DEPARTMENT, COMMISSION, BUREAU, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE
9 AND INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY SERVICE AUTHORITY, SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT, LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, LAW ENFORCEMENT
11 AUTHORITY, SPECIAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
12 EDUCATION, OR WATER, SANITATION, FIRE PROTECTION, METROPOLITAN,
13 IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE, OR OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICT.

14 (4) "SPECIAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY" SHALL HAVE THE SAME
15 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-77-102 (15).

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17 (5) "TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES" MEANS EXPENDITURES
18 MADE BY A PUBLIC ENTITY TO COVER EXPENSES INCURRED BY A COVERED
19 PERSON FOR LODGING, MEALS, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION
20 WITH TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN BY THE COVERED PERSON FOR
21 BUSINESS-RELATED PURPOSES.

22 **24-19.9-102. Restrictions on travel-related expenditures -**
23 **covered persons - mandatory reimbursement of excess - exemptions.**

24 (1) (a) IN THE ABSENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, NO PUBLIC
25 ENTITY MAY MAKE TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF ANY
26 COVERED PERSON IN AN AMOUNT THAT WOULD EXCEED, ON A DAILY BASIS,
27 ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FEDERAL PER DIEM

1 RATE THAT GOVERNS THE LOCATION IN WHICH THE PERSON IS TRAVELING,
2 ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST WHOLE DOLLAR, AS DETERMINED BY THE
3 UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, AS OF OCTOBER 1
4 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR IN
5 WHICH THE PER DIEM RATE IS TO BE USED.

6 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,
7 THE PUBLIC ENTITY MAY MAKE:

8 (I) LODGING EXPENDITURES THAT ARE ABOVE ONE AND ONE-HALF
9 TIMES THE FEDERAL PER DIEM RATE FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
10 WHERE THE HOTEL IS HOSTING THE CONFERENCE AND THE PERSON OR
11 ENTITY ORGANIZING THE CONFERENCE SELECTED THE HOTEL; OR

12 (II) TRAVEL EXPENDITURES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO A
13 PROGRAM OR A BUSINESS PURPOSE OF A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
14 EDUCATION OR A STATE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

15 (c) IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR
16 (II) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE PUBLIC ENTITY SHALL
17 MAKE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY ITS GOVERNING BODY OR FOR PUBLIC
18 INSPECTION, UPON THE PROVISION OF REASONABLE NOTICE, ITEMIZATION
19 OF ANY EXPENDITURES SATISFYING SUCH EXCEPTIONS TO THE
20 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

21 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE,
22 "TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES" SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE ACTUAL
23 COSTS OF TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN BY THE COVERED PERSON FOR
24 BUSINESS-RELATED PURPOSES INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, AIRLINE
25 FARES, TAXICAB FARES, AUTOMOBILE RENTALS, OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR
26 AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE EXPENSES.

27 (2) IF THE PUBLIC ENTITY MAKES TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES

1 ON BEHALF OF A COVERED PERSON IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT
2 AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COVERED PERSON
3 SHALL REIMBURSE THE FUND OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY FROM WHICH SUCH
4 MONEYS WERE DIVERTED FOR THE ENTIRE SUM IN EXCESS OF SUCH
5 AUTHORIZED AMOUNT.

6 (3) A PUBLIC ENTITY SHALL MAKE NO TRAVEL-RELATED
7 EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF THE SPOUSE OR A MEMBER OF THE
8 IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A COVERED PERSON. IN THE EVENT A PUBLIC
9 ENTITY MAKES TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF THE
10 SPOUSE OR A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A COVERED PERSON,
11 THE COVERED PERSON SHALL REIMBURSE THE FUND OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY
12 FROM WHICH SUCH MONEYS WERE DIVERTED FOR THE ENTIRE SUM SPENT
13 BY THE ENTITY ON SUCH EXPENDITURES.

14 **24-19.9-103. Enforcement - complaint procedure - sanctions.**

15 (1) ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES THAT A VIOLATION OF SECTION
16 24-19.9-102 HAS OCCURRED MAY FILE A WRITTEN COMPLAINT WITH THE
17 SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OF THE DATE
18 OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REFER THE
19 COMPLAINT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WITHIN THREE DAYS OF
20 THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SHALL
21 HOLD A HEARING WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF THE REFERRAL OF THE
22 COMPLAINT AND SHALL RENDER A DECISION WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF THE
23 HEARING. THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF UP TO
24 THIRTY DAYS UPON THE DEFENDANT'S MOTION OR LONGER UPON A
25 SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE. IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
26 DETERMINES THAT SUCH VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, SUCH DECISION
27 SHALL INCLUDE ANY APPROPRIATE ORDER, SANCTION, OR RELIEF,

1 INCLUDING:

2 (a) AN ORDER DIRECTING THE COVERED PERSON, OR THE SPOUSE
3 OR A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A COVERED PERSON, AS
4 APPLICABLE, ON WHOSE BEHALF TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES WERE
5 MADE BY THE PUBLIC ENTITY IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 24-19.9-102, TO
6 REIMBURSE THE FUND OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY FROM WHICH SUCH MONEYS
7 WERE DIVERTED FOR SOME OR ALL OF THE EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24-19.9-102;

9 (b) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; OR

10 (c) A RESTRAINING ORDER TO ENJOIN THE CONTINUANCE OF THE
11 VIOLATION.

12 (2) THE DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SHALL BE
13 FINAL AND SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COURT OF APPEALS, PURSUANT TO
14 SECTION 24-4-106 (11). THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE
15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ARE NOT NECESSARY PARTIES TO THE
16 REVIEW. THE DECISION MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
17 OR, IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DOES NOT FILE AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION
18 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE DECISION, IN A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION BY
19 THE PERSON FILING THE COMPLAINT. ANY PRIVATE ACTION BROUGHT
20 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE BROUGHT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE
21 OF THE VIOLATION IN STATE DISTRICT COURT. THE PREVAILING PARTY IN
22 A PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REASONABLE
23 ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

24 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
25 effect July 1, 2011, and shall apply to travel-related expenditures made on
26 or after said date.

27 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.