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SYNOPSIS:

Existing law provides for a uniform per diem, which is a standard expense daily allowance payable to state employees, including employees of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, for their nontransportation expenses incurred in work-related travel within Alabama.

This bill would permit officials and employees of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to instead be reimbursed for their actual out-of-pocket expenses when their travel promotes the goals of their department.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state employee travel expenses; to amend Section 41-23-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that employees of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs may be reimbursed for their actual travel expenses;



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29 and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the
30 existing code language to current style.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. Section 41-23-4, Code of Alabama of 1975, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 "§41-23-4

35 (a) The Governor shall appoint a chief administrative
36 officer to be designated as Director of the Department of
37 Economic and Community Affairs. ~~Such officer~~The director shall
38 serve at the pleasure of the Governor at a salary to be set in
39 the same manner and with the same limitations as ~~otherwise~~
40 provided by law for executive department heads. The director
41 ~~of the said department~~ shall be a member of ~~such~~any
42 ~~boards~~board, ~~councils~~council, ~~and or~~ ~~commissions~~,commission as
43 ~~they it relate~~relates to his or her authority under the
44 provisions of this article, and as required and currently
45 authorized under the various federal programs and as approved
46 by the Governor.

47 (b) The Governor through the Department of Economic and
48 Community Affairs shall encourage comprehensive and
49 coordinated planning and programming of economic and community
50 affairs throughout the State of Alabama. Accordingly, the
51 uniform travel allowance requirements under Section 36-7-20
52 shall not apply to an officer or employee of the department
53 when he or she incurs expenses representing the State of
54 Alabama in the encouragement of comprehensive and coordinated
55 planning and programming of economic and community affairs. An
56 officer or employee shall be reimbursed for the actual



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57 expenses he or she paid if the representation is approved in
58 advance in writing by the Governor or by the Director of
59 Finance when designated by the Governor."

60 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately
61 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
62 otherwise becoming law.