

## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 136

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A LEGISLATOR TO DISCLOSE COST AND PAYMENT  
5 INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE LEGISLATOR; AND  
6 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislator disclosure -- out-of-state meetings.** (1) Except as provided  
11 in subsection (2), a legislator who attends an out-of-state meeting of an association, council, conference,  
12 exchange, board, or similar entity in the person's capacity as a legislator shall file with the legislative council an  
13 attendance disclosure statement on a form provided by the legislative services division that has been approved  
14 by the legislative council. The legislator shall disclose any honorarium or payment received or any reimbursement  
15 for costs incurred by or on behalf of the legislator for attending the meeting.

16 (2) A legislator is not required to file an attendance disclosure statement if:

17 (a) the amount for any cost incurred by or on behalf of the legislator by a single entity was less than  
18 \$250;

19 (b) the legislator was reimbursed for salary and per diem authorized under 5-2-301 or 5-2-302; or

20 (c) the meeting attended was a meeting of an entity:

21 (i) created by the legislature, a committee of the legislature, the president of the senate, or the speaker  
22 of the house of representatives;23 (ii) of which the legislature is a member, as evidenced by the payment of dues from legislative  
24 appropriation;25 (iii) that represents a political subdivision of the state, including but not limited to a board of county  
26 commissioners, a city council, a school board, the board of regents, the fish, wildlife, and parks commission, or  
27 a similar entity;28 (iv) recognized as a local civic or service organization that holds regular meetings on a monthly or more  
29 frequent basis;

30 (v) recognized as a church, synagogue, mosque, or similar religious entity; or

- 1 (vi) related to a political party or a subdivision of a political party.
- 2 (3) The attendance disclosure statement must provide the following information:
- 3 (a) the general purpose of the meeting;
- 4 (b) the name and address of the person or entity that sponsored, conducted, or coordinated the meeting.
- 5 If the sponsor is not an individual, the statement must include a description of or the purpose of the entity.
- 6 (c) the date and specific location of the meeting.
- 7 (4) (a) A legislator required to file an attendance disclosure statement shall file the statement within 30
- 8 days after attending the meeting.
- 9 (b) A legislator shall file a separate attendance disclosure statement for each meeting that the legislator
- 10 attends for which a statement is required.
- 11 (5) The legislative services division shall maintain the attendance disclosure statements and make them
- 12 available to an individual upon request.
- 13 (6) If a legislator fails to report as provided in this section, the legislative council shall report the infraction
- 14 to the ethics committee for the appropriate house of the legislature. If a legislator wins an election for a seat in
- 15 the other house, the legislative council shall also report the failure to the ethics committee in the house to which
- 16 the legislator was recently elected.

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18 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

19 integral part of Title 2, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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