

HOUSE BILL 1363

By Mitchell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 13 and Title 3, Chapter 1, relative to travel by members of the general assembly.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) Beginning May 1, 2017, no state funds shall be expended for member registration fees to, or for travel to or from, any conference, symposium, or workshop.

(2)

(A) Beginning May 1, 2017, each member of the general assembly shall disclose travel expenses received from an established and recognized organization of elected or appointed state government officials, staff of state government officials or both officials and staff, or any other established and recognized organization that is an umbrella organization for such officials, staff, or both officials and staff within ten (10) business days of returning for a trip for which travel expenses were received.

(B) For purposes of this subdivision (i)(2), "travel expenses" means any cost associated with a trip, including, but not limited to, transportation, food, lodging, entertainment, recreational activities, or conference fees and materials. "Travel expenses" also includes the

reasonable value of any cost provided as an award, discount, reimbursement, scholarship, or subsidy.

(C) The office of legislative administration shall develop a disclosure form and shall receive such completed forms from members of the general assembly. All disclosure forms shall be subject to public disclosure.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.