
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Original House Bill No. 398 by Representative Zeringue

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, delete "39:231(E)," and insert "39:231(E) and (F),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 2, at the end of line 17 delete "is" and insert "and (F) are"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 3, between lines 11 and 12 insert the following:

7 "F.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, during
8 a state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor pursuant to R.S. 29:724,
9 the maximum allowable reimbursement for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses
10 for state public officials and employees who are performing duties directly related
11 to the declared emergency or disaster may exceed the amounts established by the
12 United States General Services Administration by not more than seventy-five percent
13 of the applicable rate established by the United States General Services
14 Administration for the locality in which the expenses are incurred.

15 (2) The increased reimbursement rate authorized by Paragraph (1) of this
16 Subsection shall apply only to expenses incurred:

17 (a) Within the designated emergency area as identified in the governor's
18 executive order or proclamation, or in any area to which state personnel are deployed
19 in direct response to the declared emergency or disaster.

20 (b) During the period beginning on the date of the governor's declaration of
21 a state of disaster or emergency and ending on the date of the termination of the
22 declared state of disaster or emergency, or thirty days after the date of the
23 declaration, whichever occurs first. If the governor renews the declaration pursuant
24 to R.S. 29:724(B)(1), the increased reimbursement rate shall continue for the
25 duration of the renewed declaration.

26 (3) Each budget unit claiming reimbursement at the increased rate authorized
27 by this Subsection shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the
28 expenses were incurred in direct connection with the declared emergency or disaster
29 and shall submit such documentation to the commissioner of administration within
30 sixty days after the termination of the declared state of disaster or emergency."