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2. Rate of compensation. Notwithstanding any
other provision of law, members of the organizations
described in subsection 1 shall not be compensated at
a per diem salary rate greater than that received by
Legislators and shall be reimbursed for travel and
other necessary expenses.

7 3. Travel expenses. For the purpose of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, members of any of the organiza-8 9 tions defined in this section and who are authorized, 10 the effective date of this section, to 11 prior to 12 receive travel expenses shall receive necessary 13 expenses only from their place of residence within 14 the State to and from another location in connection 15 with the official business of and under the specific 16 authority of the organizations described in this section. 17

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a uniform 19 20 maximum rate of reimbursement to members of state authorities, boards, commissions, councils, advisory 21 organizations and other similar organizations that 22 23 serve to aid State Government in conducting govern-24 mental business. The maximum rate established in this 25 bill is the same per diem salary rate that applies to 26 Legislators.

27 Any organization for which members receive no 28 compensation or a lesser reimbursement compared to 29 the rates provided by this bill will continue to 30 receive the lesser reimbursement.

Presently, there is no consistency or continuity 31 with respect to the per diem rates that apply to mem-32 bers of boards, commissions and other similar orga-33 34 nizations. In many cases, the duties and obligations 35 of members of these organizations are similar with 36 respect to responsibility and the amount of work required. The per diem rates range from no compensation 37 to \$150. It is evident that there is no standard 38 that applies to compensation of members of authori-39 ties, boards, commissions, etc. 40

Since the purpose of public authorities and boards is to enable the public to lend its expertise and provide a public service, the standard applied to Legislators is a fair and just standard for all boards, commissions, etc. The purpose of serving is not to earn an income equivalent to a high salary, as sometimes provided in the private sector.

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