

Resolution

(3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates may approve reimbursement in excess of the daily limits provided in paragraph (2) of this Item 2D if a legislator who is traveling out of state as part of a State delegation or representing the State will incur expenditures for lodging and meals in excess of the daily limits due to the nature of the out-of-state travel or to the high cost of lodging and meals in the location of the out-of-state travel. The authorization of approval shall include the circumstances involved and document the basis for the costs, including the maximum amount to be reimbursed; and

(4) Copies of all requests for approval, all written approvals and disapprovals, and all requests for actual reimbursement shall be maintained in a central file in the Finance Office of the Department of Legislative Services and kept available for public inspection upon request for a period of at least five (5) years.

Item 2E

(1) Legislators may participate in benefit programs generally available to State employees, including health programs, insurance programs, tax sheltered accounts, deferred compensation programs, credit union services, deductions for charitable purposes, workers' compensation coverage, and payroll deductions relating to these programs. Participation in these programs shall be in the same manner as the participation of State employees. Additional benefits programs authorized for State employees during a legislative term of office may not be made available to legislators until the beginning of the next term, at which time they shall be fully available unless prohibited elsewhere in this Resolution. Legislators may not receive State employee death benefits, paid leave, or payroll deductions other than those associated with the items authorized by this Resolution. Legislators may not participate in the State's unemployment insurance program, including those former legislators who have been unseated by the elective process.

(2) A legislator who leaves the General Assembly may continue to participate in the State health program until the former legislator declines to participate in the program, becomes eligible for health insurance coverage through another employer, or retires. Former legislators electing to participate in the State health insurance program must pay the full cost of the insurance which includes the individual's contribution and the State subsidy and an administrative charge not exceeding 2%.

Item 3A

1. Definitions.

(a) In general. In this Item 3A of this Resolution, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) Accumulated contributions.