GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

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HOUSE BILL 1495

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Sponsors: Representative M. Crawford.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REDUCING THE PAY OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; LIMITING MEMBER PER DIEM PAYMENTS DURING SESSION TO LEGISLATIVE DAYS ONLY; AND LOWERING THE PAY OF CERTAIN OTHER STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 120-3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.

The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of thirty eight thousand one hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151) thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per month. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of thirty-eight thousand one hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151) thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (1,413) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per month. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid an annual salary of twenty-one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars (\$21,739) nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight hundred thirty six dollars (836.00) seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per month. The Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars (\$21,739) nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight hundred thirty six dollars (\$836.00) seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per month. The majority and minority leaders in the House and the majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of seventeen thousand forty-eight dollars (\$17,048) fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of six hundred sixty six dollars (\$666.00) five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00) per month.

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(\$559.00) four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per month.

(c) The salary and expense allowances provided in this section are in addition to any per diem compensation and any subsistence and travel allowance authorized by any other law with respect to any regular or extra session of the General Assembly, and service on any State board, agency, commission, standing committee and study commission."

SECTION 2. G.S. 120-3.1(a) reads as rewritten:

- "(a) In addition to compensation for their services, <u>members each member</u> of the General Assembly shall be paid the following allowances:
 - (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile which is the business standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51, December 27, 1993.

Every other member of the General Assembly shall receive increases in

annual salary only to the extent of and in the amounts equal to the average increases

received by employees of the State, effective upon convening of the next Regular

Session of the General Assembly after enactment of these increased amounts, except no

such increase is granted upon the convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General

Assembly. Accordingly, upon convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General

Assembly, every other member of the General Assembly shall be paid an annual salary

of thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty one dollars (\$13,951) twelve thousand dollars

(\$12,000) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of five hundred fifty nine dollars

- (2) A travel allowance at the rate which is the business standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51, December 27, 1993, whenever the member travels, whether in or out of session, as a representative of the General Assembly or of its committees or commissions, with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.
- (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging at a daily rate equal to the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh, North Carolina, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22, 1993), while the General Assembly for each legislative day that the member's house is in session and, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, while the General Assembly is not in session when, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the case of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in case of Senators, the member is:
 - a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its committees or commissions, or
 - b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of
session, within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to
receive, in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a
subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,
plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed
the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the
same place, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December
22, 1993) and at 59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994).

(4) A member may be reimbursed for registration fees as permitted by the Legislative Services Commission."

SECTION 3.(a) Section 32.3 of S.L. 2001-424 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 32.3.** The annual salaries, payable monthly, for the 2001–2002 and 2002-2003 fiscal years year for the following executive branch officials are:

15	Executive Branch Officials	Annual Salary
16	Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission	\$92,946 <u>\$85,000</u>
17	State Controller	130,078 120,000
18	Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	92,946 <u>85,000</u>
19	Commissioner of Banks	104,523 <u>95,000</u>
20	Chairman, Employment Security Commission	129,913 <u>120,000</u>
21	State Personnel Director	102,119 <u>94,000</u>
22	Chairman, Parole Commission	84,871 <u>78,000</u>
23	Members of the Parole Commission	78,356 <u>73,000</u>
24	Chairman, Utilities Commission	116,405 <u>108,000</u>
25	Members of the Utilities Commission	104,523 <u>98,000</u>
26	Executive Director, Agency for Public Telecommunications	78,356 <u>73,000</u>
27	General Manager, Ports Railway Commission	70,755 <u>67,500</u>
28	Director, Museum of Art	95,240 <u>88,000</u>
29	Executive Director, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency	115,031 <u>107,000</u>
30	Executive Director, North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority 90,470 84,000	
31	State Chief Information Officer	130,000 <u>120,000</u> "

SECTION 3.(b) G.S. 97-78(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The salary of each commissioner shall be the same as ninety percent (90%) of that fixed from time to time for district attorneys except that the commissioner designated as chair shall receive one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) additional per annum."

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective when it becomes law. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2002.