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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1264

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1264 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The General Assembly Compensation Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 115/4) (from Ch. 63, par. 15.1)

7 Sec. 4. Office allowance. Beginning July 1, 2001 and  
8 through June 30, 2010, each member of the House of  
9 Representatives is authorized to approve the expenditure of not  
10 more than \$61,000 per year and each member of the Senate is  
11 authorized to approve the expenditure of not more than \$73,000  
12 per year to pay for "personal services", "contractual  
13 services", "commodities", "printing", "travel", "operation of  
14 automotive equipment", "telecommunications services", as  
15 defined in the State Finance Act, and the compensation of one  
16 or more legislative assistants authorized pursuant to this

1 Section, in connection with his or her legislative duties and  
2 not in connection with any political campaign. Beginning July  
3 1, 2011, each member of the House of Representatives is  
4 authorized to approve the expenditure of not more than \$62,460  
5 per year and each member of the Senate is authorized to approve  
6 the expenditure of not more than \$74,700 per year to pay for  
7 "personal services", "contractual services", "commodities",  
8 "printing", "travel", "operation of automotive equipment",  
9 "telecommunications services", as defined in the State Finance  
10 Act, and the compensation of one or more legislative assistants  
11 authorized pursuant to this Section, in connection with his or  
12 her legislative duties and not in connection with any political  
13 campaign. On July 1, 2002 and on July 1 of each year thereafter  
14 through July 1, 2010, the amount authorized per year under this  
15 Section for each member of the Senate and each member of the  
16 House of Representatives shall be increased by a percentage  
17 increase equivalent to the lesser of (i) the increase in the  
18 designated cost of living index or (ii) 5%. The designated cost  
19 of living index is the index known as the "Employment Cost  
20 Index, Wages and Salaries, By Occupation and Industry Groups:  
21 State and Local Government Workers: Public Administration" as  
22 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S.  
23 Department of Labor for the calendar year immediately preceding  
24 the year of the respective July 1st increase date. The increase  
25 shall be added to the then current amount, and the adjusted  
26 amount so determined shall be the annual amount beginning July

1 of the increase year until July 1 of the next year. No  
2 increase under this provision shall be less than zero.  
3 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary,  
4 beginning July 1, 2011, members of the General Assembly are  
5 prohibited from receiving and shall not receive any annual  
6 percentage increase in their office allowances based on a cost  
7 of living adjustment or a fixed amount.

8 A member may purchase office equipment if the member  
9 certifies to the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the  
10 House, as applicable, that the purchase price, whether paid in  
11 lump sum or installments, amounts to less than would be charged  
12 for renting or leasing the equipment over its anticipated  
13 useful life. All such equipment must be purchased through the  
14 Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, as  
15 applicable, for proper identification and verification of  
16 purchase.

17 Each member of the General Assembly is authorized to employ  
18 one or more legislative assistants, who shall be solely under  
19 the direction and control of that member, for the purpose of  
20 assisting the member in the performance of his or her official  
21 duties. A legislative assistant may be employed pursuant to  
22 this Section as a full-time employee, part-time employee, or  
23 contractual employee, at the discretion of the member. If  
24 employed as a State employee, a legislative assistant shall  
25 receive employment benefits on the same terms and conditions  
26 that apply to other employees of the General Assembly. Each

1 member shall adopt and implement personnel policies for  
2 legislative assistants under his or her direction and control  
3 relating to work time requirements, documentation for  
4 reimbursement for travel on official State business,  
5 compensation, and the earning and accrual of State benefits for  
6 those legislative assistants who may be eligible to receive  
7 those benefits. The policies shall also require legislative  
8 assistants to periodically submit time sheets documenting, in  
9 quarter-hour increments, the time spent each day on official  
10 State business. The policies shall require the time sheets to  
11 be submitted on paper, electronically, or both and to be  
12 maintained in either paper or electronic format by the  
13 applicable fiscal office for a period of at least 2 years.  
14 Contractual employees may satisfy the time sheets requirement  
15 by complying with the terms of their contract, which shall  
16 provide for a means of compliance with this requirement. A  
17 member may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by  
18 adopting and implementing the personnel policies promulgated  
19 by that member's legislative leader under the State Officials  
20 and Employees Ethics Act with respect to that member's  
21 legislative assistants.

22 As used in this Section the term "personal services" shall  
23 include contributions of the State under the Federal Insurance  
24 Contribution Act and under Article 14 of the Illinois Pension  
25 Code. As used in this Section the term "contractual services"  
26 shall not include improvements to real property unless those

1 improvements are the obligation of the lessee under the lease  
2 agreement. Beginning July 1, 1989, as used in the Section, the  
3 term "travel" shall be limited to travel in connection with a  
4 member's legislative duties and not in connection with any  
5 political campaign. Beginning on the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, as used in this  
7 Section, the term "printing" includes, but is not limited to,  
8 newsletters, brochures, certificates, congratulatory mailings,  
9 greeting or welcome messages, anniversary or birthday cards,  
10 and congratulations for prominent achievement cards. As used in  
11 this Section, the term "printing" includes fees for  
12 non-substantive resolutions charged by the Clerk of the House  
13 of Representatives under subsection (c-5) of Section 1 of the  
14 Legislative Materials Act. No newsletter or brochure that is  
15 paid for, in whole or in part, with funds provided under this  
16 Section may be printed or mailed during a period beginning  
17 February 1 of the year of a general primary election and ending  
18 the day after the general primary election and during a period  
19 beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and  
20 ending the day after the general election, except that such a  
21 newsletter or brochure may be mailed during those times if it  
22 is mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's  
23 inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions  
24 raised by that constituent. Nothing in this Section shall be  
25 construed to authorize expenditures for lodging and meals while  
26 a member is in attendance at sessions of the General Assembly.

1 Any utility bill for service provided to a member's  
2 district office for a period including portions of 2  
3 consecutive fiscal years may be paid from funds appropriated  
4 for such expenditure in either fiscal year.

5 If a vacancy occurs in the office of Senator or  
6 Representative in the General Assembly, any office equipment in  
7 the possession of the vacating member shall transfer to the  
8 member's successor; if the successor does not want such  
9 equipment, it shall be transferred to the Secretary of the  
10 Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case  
11 may be, and if not wanted by other members of the General  
12 Assembly then to the Department of Central Management Services  
13 for treatment as surplus property under the State Property  
14 Control Act. Each member, on or before June 30th of each year,  
15 shall conduct an inventory of all equipment purchased pursuant  
16 to this Act. Such inventory shall be filed with the Secretary  
17 of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, as the case may be.  
18 Whenever a vacancy occurs, the Secretary of the Senate or the  
19 Clerk of the House, as the case may be, shall conduct an  
20 inventory of equipment purchased.

21 In the event that a member leaves office during his or her  
22 term, any unexpended or unobligated portion of the allowance  
23 granted under this Section shall lapse. The vacating member's  
24 successor shall be granted an allowance in an amount, rounded  
25 to the nearest dollar, computed by dividing the annual  
26 allowance by 365 and multiplying the quotient by the number of

1 days remaining in the fiscal year.

2 From any appropriation for the purposes of this Section for  
3 a fiscal year which overlaps 2 General Assemblies, no more than  
4 1/2 of the annual allowance per member may be spent or  
5 encumbered by any member of either the outgoing or incoming  
6 General Assembly, except that any member of the incoming  
7 General Assembly who was a member of the outgoing General  
8 Assembly may encumber or spend any portion of his annual  
9 allowance within the fiscal year.

10 The appropriation for the annual allowances permitted by  
11 this Section shall be included in an appropriation to the  
12 President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives for their respective members. The President of  
14 the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall voucher for  
15 payment individual members' expenditures from their annual  
16 office allowances to the State Comptroller, subject to the  
17 authority of the Comptroller under Section 9 of the State  
18 Comptroller Act.

19 Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of  
20 personal funds or the funds of a political committee controlled  
21 by an officeholder to defray the customary and reasonable  
22 expenses of an officeholder in connection with the performance  
23 of governmental and public service functions.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-6, eff. 6-20-07; 96-555, eff. 8-18-09; 96-886,  
25 eff. 1-1-11.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".