103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2139

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Andrew S. Chesney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 20/50-22 25 ILCS 115/1

from Ch. 63, par. 14

Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. Provides that beginning in 2024, and for each year thereafter, if the General Assembly fails to pass a balanced budget by June 30 of each year, the compensation to be paid to members of the General Assembly, including the additional sums payable to officers of the General Assembly, shall be withheld until a balanced budget is passed. Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Removes the salary of members of the General Assembly from continuing appropriations provisions. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The State Budget Law of the Civil
Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section
50-22 as follows:

7 (15 ILCS 20/50-22)

8 Sec. 50-22. Funding for salaries of General Assembly
9 members and judges; legislative operations.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2014, the aggregate appropriations available for salaries for members of the General Assembly and judges from all State funds for each State fiscal year shall be no less than the total aggregate appropriations made available for salaries for members of the General Assembly and judges for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

16 (b) Beginning July 1, 2014, the aggregate appropriations available for legislative operations from all State funds for 17 each State fiscal year shall be no less than the total 18 19 aggregate appropriations made available for legislative operations for the immediately preceding fiscal year. For 20 21 purposes of this subsection (b), "legislative operations" 22 means any expenditure for the operation of the Office of the Auditor General, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the 23

Legislative Ethics Commission, the Office of the Legislative
 Inspector General, the Joint Committee on Legislative Support
 Services, and the legislative support services agencies.

4 (c) If for any reason the aggregate appropriations made 5 available are insufficient to meet the levels required by 6 subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, this Section shall 7 constitute a continuing appropriation of all amounts necessary 8 for these purposes. The General Assembly may appropriate 9 lesser amounts by law.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-682, eff. 6-30-14.)

Section 10. The General Assembly Compensation Act is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

13 (25 ILCS 115/1) (from Ch. 63, par. 14)

14 Sec. 1. Each member of the General Assembly shall receive 15 an annual salary of \$28,000 or as set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. Beginning with the 103rd 16 General Assembly, each member of the General Assembly shall 17 receive an annual salary of \$85,000 or as set by the 18 Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. The following 19 20 named officers, committee chairmen and committee minority 21 spokesmen shall receive additional amounts per year for their services as such officers, committee chairmen and committee 22 minority spokesmen respectively, as set by the Compensation 23 24 Review Board or, as follows, whichever is greater: Beginning

the second Wednesday in January 1989, the Speaker and the 1 2 minority leader of the House of Representatives and the President and the minority leader of the Senate, \$16,000 each; 3 the majority leader in the House of Representatives \$13,500; 5 4 5 assistant majority leaders and 5 assistant minority leaders in 6 the Senate, \$12,000 each; 6 assistant majority leaders and 6 7 assistant minority leaders in the House of Representatives, \$10,500 each; 2 Deputy Majority leaders in the House of 8 9 Representatives \$11,500 each; and 2 Deputy Minority leaders in 10 the House of Representatives, \$11,500 each; the majority 11 caucus chairman and minority caucus chairman in the Senate, 12 \$12,000 each; and beginning the second Wednesday in January, 1989, the majority conference chairman and the minority 13 conference chairman in the House of Representatives, \$10,500 14 15 each; beginning the second Wednesday in January, 1989, the 16 chairman and minority spokesman of each standing committee of 17 the Senate, except the Rules Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Committee on Assignment of Bills, \$6,000 18 each; and beginning the second Wednesday in January, 1989, the 19 20 chairman and minority spokesman of each standing and select committee of the House of Representatives, \$6,000 each; and 21 22 beginning fiscal year 2020, the majority leader in the Senate, 23 an amount equal to the majority leader in the House. For any General Assembly in which the majority party in the House of 24 Representatives has 71 or more elected Representatives, the 25 26 majority party shall have one additional majority officer who

shall have the title of speaker pro tempore and who shall 1 2 receive an amount equal to the majority leader in the House and 3 one majority officer who shall receive an amount equal to an assistant majority leader in the House of Representatives. For 4 5 any General Assembly in which the majority party in the Senate has 36 or more elected Senators, the majority party shall have 6 7 one additional majority officer who shall receive an amount 8 equal to the majority leader in the House and one majority 9 officer who shall receive an amount equal to an assistant 10 majority leader in the Senate. A member who serves in more than 11 one position as an officer, committee chairman, or committee 12 minority spokesman shall receive only one additional amount based on the position paying the highest additional amount. 13 14 Prior to the 103rd General Assembly, the compensation provided 15 for in this Section to be paid per year to members of the 16 General Assembly, including the additional sums payable per 17 year to officers of the General Assembly shall be paid in 12 equal monthly installments. The first such installment is 18 19 payable on January 31, 1977. All subsequent equal monthly 20 installments are payable on the last working day of the month. Prior to the 103rd General Assembly, a member who has held 21 22 office any part of a month is entitled to compensation for an 23 entire month. Beginning in 2024, and for each year thereafter, 24 if the General Assembly fails to pass a balanced budget by June 25 30 of each year, the compensation provided in this Section to be paid to members of the General Assembly, including the 26

additional sums payable to officers of the General Assembly, shall be withheld until a balanced budget is passed.

3 Beginning with the 103rd General Assembly, the compensation provided for in this Section to be paid per year 4 5 to members of the General Assembly, including additional sums payable per year to officers of the General Assembly, shall be 6 7 paid bi-monthly. Members who resign before completing the 8 entire term in office shall be compensated on a prorated 9 basis. Members completing the term of a vacancy shall be 10 compensated on a prorated basis.

Mileage shall be paid at the rate of 20 cents per mile 11 12 before January 9, 1985, and at the mileage allowance rate in effect under regulations promulgated pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 13 5707(b)(2) beginning January 9, 1985, for the number of actual 14 15 highway miles necessarily and conveniently traveled by the 16 most feasible route to be present upon convening of the 17 sessions of the General Assembly by such member in each and every trip during each session in going to and returning from 18 19 the seat of government, to be computed by the Comptroller. A 20 member traveling by public transportation for such purposes, 21 however, shall be paid his actual cost of that transportation 22 instead of on the mileage rate if his cost of public 23 transportation exceeds the amount to which he would be 24 entitled on a mileage basis. No member may be paid, whether on 25 a mileage basis or for actual costs of public transportation, 26 for more than one such trip for each week the General Assembly

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is actually in session. Each member shall also receive an 1 2 allowance of \$36 per day for lodging and meals while in 3 attendance at sessions of the General Assembly before January 9, 1985; beginning January 9, 1985, such food and lodging 4 5 allowance shall be equal to the amount per day permitted to be 6 deducted for such expenses under the Internal Revenue Code; however, beginning May 31, 1995, no allowance for food and 7 8 lodging while in attendance at sessions is authorized for 9 periods of time after the last day in May of each calendar 10 year, except (i) if the General Assembly is convened in 11 special session by either the Governor or the presiding 12 officers of both houses, as provided by subsection (b) of Section 5 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution or (ii) if 13 the General Assembly is convened to consider bills vetoed, 14 15 item vetoed, reduced, or returned with specific 16 recommendations for change by the Governor as provided in 17 Section 9 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution. For fiscal year 2011 and for session days in fiscal years 2012, 18 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 only (i) the 19 20 allowance for lodging and meals is \$111 per day and (ii) mileage for automobile travel shall be reimbursed at a rate of 21 22 \$0.39 per mile.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning in fiscal year 2012, travel reimbursement for General Assembly members on non-session days shall be calculated using the guidelines set forth by the Legislative

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Travel Control Board, except that fiscal year 2012, 2013,
 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 mileage reimbursement
 is set at a rate of \$0.39 per mile.

If a member dies having received only a portion of the amount payable as compensation, the unpaid balance shall be paid to the surviving spouse of such member, or, if there be none, to the estate of such member.

8 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;
9 102-664, eff. 1-1-22; 102-1115, eff. 1-9-23.)

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