

SENATE BILL NO. 163

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A LEGISLATOR TO DISCLOSE COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE LEGISLATOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislator disclosure -- out-of-state meetings. (1) Except as provided

in subsection (2), a legislator who attends an out-of-state meeting of an association, council, conference, exchange, board, or similar entity in the person's capacity as a legislator shall file with the legislative council an attendance disclosure statement on a form provided by the legislative services division that has been approved by the legislative council. The legislator shall disclose any honorarium, payments, or reimbursement for any cost incurred by or on behalf of the legislator for attending the meeting.

(2) A legislator is not required to file an attendance disclosure statement if:

- (a) the cost incurred by an entity listed under subsection (1) was less than \$250;
- (b) the legislator was reimbursed for salary and per diem authorized under 5-2-301 or 5-2-302;
- (c) the meeting attended was a meeting of an entity of which the legislator is a member as evidenced by the payment of dues from legislative appropriation or a meeting of an entity recognized as a church, synagogue, mosque, or similar religious entity; or
- (d) the meeting attended was related to tribal business or business required by an employer related to employment, to self-employment activities, including as a professional speaker or presenter, or to a business partnership.

(3) The statement must provide the following information:

- (a) the general purpose of the meeting;
- (b) the name and address of the person that sponsored, conducted, or coordinated the meeting. If the person is not an individual, the statement must include a description of or the purpose of the organization or entity.
- (c) the dates and specific location of the meeting; and



1 (d) the approximate value, in U.S. dollars, of any honorarium, reimbursement, commission, fee, award,
2 recognition, consideration, or other emolument paid to, bestowed upon, or otherwise given to the legislator.

3 (4) (a) A legislator required to file an attendance disclosure statement shall file the statement within 30
4 days after attending the meeting.

5 (b) A legislator shall file a separate attendance disclosure statement for each meeting that the legislator
6 attends for which an attendance disclosure statement is required.

7 (5) The legislative services division shall maintain the attendance disclosure statements and make them
8 available to an individual upon request.

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
11 integral part of Title 2, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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13 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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