

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

State employees are often required to travel as part of their jobs. They pay their expenses and then submit requests for reimbursement along with appropriate receipts. When reimbursement takes several months to process, it puts a strain on family budgets.

C.S.S.B. 1310 requires state agencies to process travel reimbursement requests within 45 days of submission, if the expenses are not in dispute. This bill also requires state agencies to reimburse state employees for reimbursable travel expenses within 30 days of any resolution of a dispute between the agency and employee in regard to travel expenses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 660, Government Code, by adding Section 660.019, as follows:

Sec. 660.019. DEADLINE FOR REIMBURSING EXPENSES. (a) Requires a state agency to reimburse incurred travel expenses submitted in accordance with certain state policies, procedures, and rules, by a state employee not later than the 45th day after a request is submitted, except as provided by Subsection (b).

(b) Requires a state agency, if there is a bona fide dispute between the state agency and the state employee relating to the travel expenses, to reimburse the employee for reimbursable travel expenses incurred by the employee not later than the 30th day after the date the dispute is resolved.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.