



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1379

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AND LODGING WHILE TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE STATE.

Sponsors:

Rep. Beaty and Sen. Hill

Basic Change:

HB1379 transfers the responsibility of approving special travel expense authorizations from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the cabinet secretary or the chief fiscal officer of the department incurring the travel.

A special travel authorization is necessary if state employee travel reimbursement for meals and lodging exceeds the maximum rate prescribed by the Federal Travel Directory published by the U.S. General Services Administration. Under § 19-4-903, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is responsible for approving a special travel expense authorization. HB1379 transfers the responsibility from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the secretary or the chief fiscal officer of the department for which the travel is incurred. Requests for special travel expenses for a constitutional or elected official and his or her employees and official guests of the state are not submitted to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

None.

Resources Required:

None.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

State agencies will be notified of this change.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.