

Table 3.10
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION: INTERIM PAYMENTS AND OTHER DIRECT PAYMENTS

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Per diem compensation and living expenses for committee or official business during interim (as of March 1999)</i>	<i>Other direct payments or services to legislators (as of March 1999)</i>
Alabama	\$2280/m plus \$50/d per diem.	None.
Alaska	\$65/d (V); must work at least 4 hrs. or attend public meeting	\$6,000/y for postage, stationary and other legislative expenses. Staffing allowance determined by rules and presiding officers, depending on time of year.
Arizona	\$35/d with prior approval of presiding officer (V) set by statute. Legislators must sign in with budget officers.	None.
Arkansas	\$89/d (V) tied to federal rate. Members are required to sign a "Per Diem Sheet" at each interim meeting/function.	Legislators are entitled to receive a maximum reimbursement of \$9,600/y for legislative expenses.
California	\$121/d; expenses over \$121/d with receipt.	\$240,000/y covers non-specified salary expenses, travel costs, publications, printing, postage, etc.
Colorado	Members are reimbursed for actual expenses.	\$2,000/y
Connecticut	None.	Senators receive \$5,500/y and Representatives receive \$4,500/y for staffing allowance.
Delaware	None.	None.
Florida	\$50/d per diem or actual hotel plus \$3 breakfast; \$6 lunch; \$12 dinner for authorized travel during committee weeks (V) set by Florida statutes.	\$1,566.41/m for office expenses.
Georgia (a)	\$75/d and .25/mile for committee service (V) set by the legislature. A committee roster is submitted with the members who attended the meeting. Those that did not attend do not get paid.	\$4,800/y reimbursable expense account. If the member requests and provides receipts, the member is reimbursed for personal services, office equipment, rent, supplies, transportation, telecommunications, etc.
Hawaii	\$10/d for official business on island of legal residence; \$80/d for business on another island (V) set by the legislature.	House \$4,500/m for Jan.-April staffing. Senate varies between \$350-500/d for staffing allowance.
Idaho	None.	\$500/y for unvouchered constituent expense. No staffing allowance.
Illinois	None.	Senators receive \$67,000/y and Representatives \$57,000/y for office expenses, including district offices and staffing.
Indiana	\$112/d (V) tied to federal rate.	\$25/d, 7 days a week during interim only. No staffing allowance.
Iowa	\$86/d (U) set by the legislature.	\$200/m to cover district constituency postage, travel, telephone and other expenses. No staffing allowance.
Kansas	\$80/d. expenses for members attending interim committee as a member of that committee (V) tied to federal rate. Also, \$270 for 20 pay periods (\$5,400) considered taxable income.	\$5,400/y which is taxable income to the legislators. Staffing allowances vary for leadership who have their own budget. Legislators provided with secretaries during the session only.
Kentucky	\$1,435/m interim monthly expenses (U). Actual expenses up to a maximum for meals.	None.
Louisiana	Actual state government rate for lodging (V). \$97/d (U) tied to federal rate.	\$500/m plus a \$1,500 supplemental allowance for vouchered office expenses, rent, travel mileage in district, telephone and supplies. \$2,000/m starting salary up to \$3,000/m with annual increases paid directly to staff person.
Maine	Up to \$32/d for meals. Actual for lodging if required with receipt; \$38 without receipt (V) set by legislature and compensation commission.	None.
Maryland	\$96/d lodging; \$30/d meals related to official business (V) tied to federal rate and compensation commission.	Members, \$18,265/y for normal expenses of an office with limits on postage, telephone and publications. Members must document expenses. Legislators must use \$5,800 for clerical services. Senators receive one administrative assistant & session assistance. Delegates receive \$10,000 from house staff accounting for clerical employee with benefits.
Massachusetts	\$9-50 for expenses depending on distance from capitol (V).	\$3,600/y for office expenses.
Michigan	None.	\$61,904/y for printing, mailings, travel, furniture and district offices. Senate Majority party receives \$207,044; Senate Minority party receives \$126,247 for staffing.

See footnotes at end of table.

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Minnesota	\$56/d per approval of committee chair or leadership (U) set by the legislature.	None.
Mississippi	\$1,500/during interim (U).	None.
Missouri	None.	\$1,000/m to cover all reasonable and necessary business expenses.
Montana	In state rates \$23/d for meals, receipt not required (U). \$36.40 lodging, receipt required (V). Claim form required.	None.
Nebraska	None. Actual expense reimbursed.	No allowance; however, each member is provided with two full-time capitol staff year-round.
Nevada	\$69/d for meeting attendance in-state (V) set by the legislature.	None.
New Hampshire	None.	None.
New Jersey	None.	\$750/y for equipment and supplies. \$100,000/y for district office personnel, furnishings and benefits.
New Mexico	\$124/d Nov. 1-April 30; \$131/d May 1-Oct. 31 (V) tied to federal rate.	None.
New York	\$89/d; \$130/d for New York City metro area and out-of-state travel (V) set by the legislature. Paid for official duties performed outside their elected district.	Staff allowance set by majority leader for majority members and by minority leader for minority members. Staff allowance covers both district and capitol; geographic location; seniority and leadership responsibilities will cause variations; only one district office is permitted. Non-leaders receive \$6,708/y for any legislative expenses not otherwise provided. Full-time secretarial assistance is provided during session.
North Carolina	\$104/d (V) set by statute.	None.
North Dakota	During interim committee meetings, members receive \$62.50/d, \$20/d meals (U); \$39 plus tax/d lodging (V) plus round trip mileage reimbursement at state employee mileage rate. All members receive a \$250/m allowance for expenses.	None.
Ohio	None.	None.
Oklahoma	\$25/d (U) set by the legislature.	\$350/y for unvouchered office supplies plus seven rolls of stamps.
Oregon	\$87/d committee and task force meetings (U) tied to federal rate.	\$2,635/session; interim allowance is \$400-550/m depending on geographic size of district. Staffing allowance of \$3,756/m during session; \$1,144/m during interim.
Pennsylvania	\$115 (V) tied to high/low substantiation method of revenue procedure 98-64.	\$27,500/y for operation of district offices. Staffing is determined by the Senate Floor Leader.
Rhode Island	None.	None.
South Carolina	Member attending official meetings in- or out-of-state, is eligible for \$88/d subsistence and \$35/d per diem (V).	Senate \$3,400/y for postage, stationery and telephone. House \$1,800/y for telephone and \$600/y for postage.
South Dakota	\$95 for each day of a committee meeting (U). Travel expenses are paid at state rates.	None.
Tennessee	\$114/d (U) tied to federal rate. A request for per diem must be submitted to Legislative Administration.	\$525/m for expenses in district and staff intrastate travel (U).
Texas	Senators receive \$118/d for legislative business in Travis County, not to exceed 10 d/m (U). Representatives receive \$118/d in Travis County, not to exceed 12 d/m (V). Per diem amount is determined by the Ethics Commission, number of days determined by Senate Caucus and the Committee on House Administration.	Senate: \$25,000/m for staff salaries. House \$9,750/m for staff salaries, supplies stationery, postage, district office rental, telephone expense, etc.
Utah	\$42/d (U); \$76/d for lodging (V).	None.
Vermont	\$105/d for meeting day for actual meals and housing (U) set by the legislature.	None.
Virginia	\$100/d for committee meetings.	\$750/m; leadership receives \$1,000/m for office expenses incurred through their district offices, stationery and business cards. Legislators receive a staffing allowance of \$29,028/y; leadership receives \$43,541/y.
Washington	\$82/d (V) tied to federal rate; if traveling in a "high cost" region, receipts are required.	No staffing allowance. \$450 for legislative expenses, for which the legislator has not been otherwise entitled to reimbursement.
West Virginia	\$85/d, except \$45/d for commuters (U).	None.

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Wisconsin	Per diem is paid year round up to \$75/m (U).	Senate receives \$66,000/two-year session plus a mailing for the district each year. Covers district mileage, copying and special documents; capitol expenses include printing, postage, subscriptions, phone etc. Senators receive \$155,465/two year session for staffing. Assembly members receive \$12,500 plus an allowance for district size-min. \$870, max. \$2,900 that covers printing and postage. Staff salary paid by state.
Wyoming	\$80/d (V) set by the legislature.	None.
Dist. of Columbia	None.	None.
Guam	None.	None.
Puerto Rico	\$93/d within 50 km of the capitol; \$103/d beyond the 50 km limit (U).	Senate receives \$7,500/m for staffing. House members receive \$10,000/m for staffing.
U.S. Virgin Islands	None.	Senators receive an allowance that covers day-to-day operations. Staffing allowances vary with staffing requests.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures.

Note: For more information on legislative compensation, see Table 3.9, "Legislative Compensation: Regular Sessions." Although the definition of "per diem" is daily expence allowance, it is also used in some states to refer to an interim salary that is taxed and reported as income separate from the annual salary.

Key:

- (U) — Unvouchered.
- (V) — Vouchered.
- d — day.
- m — month.
- w — week.
- y — year.

(a) In Georgia, \$2,200 per diem differential account. A maximum of fifty (50) days can be claimed. Georgia state law states the maximum per diem plus per diem differential is \$119/d. The per diem differential account is made up of the difference between the maximum allowance less the actual per diem paid x 50 days.