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Sec. 3307.10. (A) The members of the state teachers retirement board shall serve without compensation, except that members shall be reimbursed from the expense fund for all actual necessary expenses incurred while serving on the board.

(B) The board may secure insurance coverage designed to indemnify board members and employees for their actions or conduct in the performance of official duties, and may pay required premiums for such coverage from the expense fund.

(C) If the officers of the board determine that a meeting of the entire membership, or any part thereof, is necessary, such determination shall be final, and teacher members shall be given time off from their employment to attend any such meeting. The employer of a teacher member shall not reduce the member's earned compensation as a teacher or any contribution required under section 3307.51 of the Revised Code, because of the teacher member's absence from employment to attend any such meeting.

The portion of the employer contribution required under section 3307.53 of the Revised Code that represents earned compensation of a teacher member paid for the period of an absence from employment to attend a board meeting, shall be annually transferred from the expense fund and forwarded to the employer of the teacher member.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 111.15 OF THE REVISED CODE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY BOARD MEMBERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES. AS PART OF ANY AUDIT PERFORMED UNDER CHAPTER 117. OF THE REVISED CODE, AN INQUIRY SHALL BE MADE INTO WHETHER BOARD MEMBERS HAVE COMPLIED WITH THESE RULES.

(E) NO BOARD MEMBER SHALL ACCEPT PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES, OTHER THAN FOR MEALS AND OTHER FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER, FROM ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN THE EXPENSE FUND. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, NO OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED UNLESS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

SECTION 6. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that the recommendations of the Ohio Retirement Study Commission issued in its annual report of December 14, 1994, on the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund need immediate implementation in order to ensure the proper financing of the benefits provided by the Fund. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Emergency Clause

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