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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the rate of compensation for grand and petit
2 jurors, and to reimbursement of employers for compensation
3 paid to grand and petit jurors for service or attendance.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 607A.8, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 607A.8 FEES AND EXPENSES FOR RELATED TO JURORS.

4 Grand jurors and petit jurors in all courts shall receive
5 ten fifty dollars as compensation for each day's service or
6 attendance, including attendance required for the purpose of
7 being considered for service, reimbursement for mileage
8 expenses at the rate specified in section 602.1509 for each
9 mile traveled each day to and from their residences to the
10 place of service or attendance, and reimbursement for actual
11 expenses of parking, as determined by the clerk. A juror who
12 is a person with a disability may receive reimbursement for
13 the costs of alternate transportation from the juror's
14 residence to the place of service or attendance. A juror
15 shall not receive reimbursement for mileage expenses or actual
16 expenses of parking when the juror travels in a vehicle for
17 which another juror is receiving reimbursement for mileage and
18 parking expenses. If an employer compensates an employee for
19 each day of service or attendance under this section, the
20 employer shall be reimbursed by the clerk of court. An
21 employer shall receive a reimbursement the equivalent of the
22 employee's usual rate of pay for each hour of the employee's
23 service or attendance up to a maximum of fifty dollars a day.
24 The employer, before being reimbursed, shall provide proof to
25 the clerk of court that the employee was compensated by the
26 employer.

27 Sec. 2. Section 625.8, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
28 following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The clerk of the district court shall
30 tax as a court cost the total cost of reimbursement paid to
31 any employer under section 607A.8.

32 Sec. 3. Section 625.8, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
33 following new subsection:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Reimbursement of the costs under
35 subsection 1A shall be deposited in the fund created in

1 section 602.1302, subsection 3.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill raises the rate of compensation for grand or
4 petit jurors from \$10 to \$50.

5 The bill also provides that an employer who compensates an
6 employee at the employee's usual rate of pay for each day of
7 service on a grand or petit jury shall be reimbursed at a rate
8 up to \$50 per day, and an employee's service includes
9 attendance required for the purpose of being considered for
10 service. The bill provides that the employer shall be
11 reimbursed by the clerk of court up to the equivalent hourly
12 pay for the employee for each hour served, up to the maximum
13 of \$50 per day. The bill requires an employer to provide the
14 clerk of court with proof that the employee was compensated
15 for attendance or service on a jury before the employer will
16 be reimbursed.

17 The bill also provides that any reimbursement paid to an
18 employer under this bill shall be taxed as a court cost under
19 Code section 625.8. The bill provides that any costs
20 recovered by the clerk of court shall be deposited in the
21 revolving fund established in Code section 602.1302.

22 Current law provides that a juror be paid \$10 per day for
23 service. Employers are not currently reimbursed directly by
24 the court for compensating their employees for service on a
25 jury.

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