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All House Members

From:

Representative RoseMarie)Swanger

Subject:

Proposed Legislation

LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE LAWMAKERS TO

POST LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES

As you know, a number of legislators, including myself, voluntarily post information regarding monthly legislative expenses on their public websites. I believe this is an important practice as it allows our constituents to see how legislators are spending taxpayer dollars. This information is already accessible under the Right-to-Know Law, but having it available on a member's website allows citizens to more easily review it.

I intend to introduce legislation that would require each member of the General Assembly to post legislative expense information on their website each month. This will include personal expenses, such as reimbursements for mileage and per diems, as well as operating expenses for district and Capitol offices. Requiring the publication of expense information is an important way that we can further promote increased transparency and accountability in government spending.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lily Horst, 787-2686, or via e-mail, lhorst@pahousegop.com