

June 6, 2002

**S 1248. CUT TOP LEVEL STATE PAY BY 5%. REDUCING THE COMPENSATION OF NONELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OTHER EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS BY FIVE PERCENT FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR; CUTTING THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY FIVE PERCENT UNTIL THE CONVENING OF THE 2005 SESSION; AND URGING THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COUNCIL OF STATE MEMBERS, AND STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES TO WAIVE VOLUNTARILY FIVE PERCENT OF THEIR STATE PAY FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR.** Amends SL 2001-242, Section 32.2, effective July 1, 2002, to lower from \$102,199 to \$97,013 the maximum annual salaries for nonelected heads of principal state departments for fiscal year 2002-03. Affected department heads are the:

- Sec'y of Administration,
- Sec'y of Correction,
- Sec'y of Crime Control and Public Safety,
- Sec'y of Cultural Resources,
- Sec'y of Commerce,
- Sec'y of Environment and Natural Resources,
- Sec'y of Health and Human Services,
- Sec'y of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,
- Sec'y of Revenue, and
- Sec'y of Transportation

Amends SL 2001-242, Section 32.3, to lower the salaries of executive branch officials for fiscal year 2002-03 as follows:

- Chair of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, from \$92,946 to \$88,299
- State Controller, from \$130,078 to \$123,574
- Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, from \$92,946 to \$88,299
- Commissioner of Banks, from \$104,523 to \$99,297
- Chair of the Employment Security Commission, from \$129,913 to \$123,417
- State Personnel Director, from \$102,119 to \$97,013
- Chair of the Parole Commission, from \$84,871 to \$80,627
- Members of the Parole Commission, from \$78,356 to \$74,438
- Chair of the Utilities Commission, from \$116,405 to \$110,585
- Members of the Utilities Commission, from \$104,523 to \$99,297
- Executive Director of the Agency for Public Telecommunications, from \$78,356 to \$74,438
- General Manager of the Ports Railway Commission, from \$70,755 to \$67,217
- Director of the Museum of Art, from \$95,240 to \$90,478
- Executive Director of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, from \$115,031 to \$109,297
- Executive Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority, from \$90,470 to \$85,947
- State Chief Information Officer, from \$130,000 to \$123,500

Effective upon the convening of the 2003 General Assembly, amends GS 120-3 to lower the annual salary of the Speaker of the House from \$38,151 to \$36,243; to lower the annual salary of the President Pro Tem. of the Senate from \$38,151 to \$36,243; to lower the annual salary of the Speaker Pro Tem. of the House from \$21,739 to \$20,652; to lower the annual salary of the Deputy President Pro Tem. of the Senate from \$21,739 to \$20,652; and to lower the annual salaries of the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate from \$17,048 to \$16,196. Lowers the annual salary for other members of the General Assembly from \$13,951 to \$13,253. Amendment expires upon the convening of the 2005 General Assembly. Urges the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Council of State, and the justices and judges of the judicial branch to voluntarily waive five percent of their state pay for fiscal year 2002-03.

**Intro. by Odom.**

Ref. to Appropriations

GS 120, 143B

August 14, 2002

**S 1248. PENSION ASSURANCE FUND.** Intro. 6/6/02. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces original bill with bill enacting new GS 147-69.4, which establishes a Pension Assurance Fund in the Office of State Treasurer. States that purpose of new fund is to protect retirement savings and investments of NC citizens employed by private industry. Permits moneys in fund to be used to compensate individuals who lose significant portion of retirement savings that are invested in 401k or other pension funds funded in whole or part with stock of their employer companies as result of violations of GS Chapter 78A or of federal securities laws. Directs State Treasurer, in consultation with Sec'y of State, to develop recommendations to General Assembly on funding Pension Assurance Fund, including funding from punitive or treble damages assessed in actions involving securities fraud.

August 15, 2002

**S 1248. PENSION ASSURANCE FUND.** Intro. 6/6/2002. Senate amendment changes the 2nd edition by amending new GS 147-69.4(c) to clarify that the fund may be used to compensate individuals who lose a significant portion of their retirement savings that are invested in pension plans funded with the stock of their employer companies in violation of the law where those losses are "through no fault of their own."