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H 1812. RAISE STATE EMPLOYEE/TEACHER PAY 7%. Filed 5/8/06. *APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL A LEGISLATIVE PAY INCREASE OF SEVEN PERCENT.* As title indicates, increases salaries effective July 1, 2006.

Governor and council of state. Sets salary of Governor at \$132,486 and council of state at \$116,929.

Nonelected department head/salary increases. Sets salary of nonelected department heads at \$114,239.

Certain executive branch officials/salary increases. Chair, ABC Commission—\$103,977; State Controller—\$145,517; Commissioner of Motor Vehicles—\$103,977; Commissioner of Banks—\$116,929; Chair, ESC—\$142,482; State Personnel Director—\$114,239; Chair, Parole Commission—\$94,944; Members, Parole Commission—\$43,827; Chair, Utilities Commission—\$130,220; Members, Utilities Commission—\$116,929; Executive Director, Agency for Public Telecommunications—\$87,655; Director, Museum of Art—\$106,543; Executive Director, NCAFA—\$101,208; and Chief Information Officer—\$145,429.

Judicial branch officials/salary increase. Chief Justice, Supreme Court—\$132,486; Associate Justice—\$129,024; Chief Judge, Court of Appeals—\$125,798; Appeals Court Judge—\$123,648; Judge, Senior Regular Resident Superior Court—\$120,288; Superior Court Judge—\$116,929; Chief Judge, District Court—\$106,177; District Court Judge—\$102,817; Administrative Officer of the Courts—\$120,288; and Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts—\$109,872. Establishes minimum salary of Assistant District Attorney or Public Defender, at \$35,187, and provides that average salaries of those positions shall not exceed \$67,335 in each district. Provides that effective July 1, 2006, the annual salaries of other permanent employees of the Judicial Department will be increased by 7%.

Clerk of superior court salary increases. Amends GS 7A-101(a) to establish annual salary of clerk of superior court in each county, based upon population of county, as follows: less than 100,000: \$78,208; 100,000 to 149,999: \$87,762; 150,000 to 249,999: \$97,319; 250,000 and above: \$106,876.

Assistant and deputy clerks of court/salary increases/eliminate deputy clerk hiring rate. Amends GS 7A-102(c1) to establish salary range of Assistant Clerk and Head Bookkeeper from \$30,351 to \$51,980 and of Deputy Clerks from \$26,124 to \$40,429.

Magistrates' salary increases. Amends GS 7A-171(a) to establish salary range for full-time magistrate judges of \$30,751 to \$52,427 and a prorated amount for part-time magistrates. Also amends GS 7A-171.1(a1) to establish salary ranges from \$24,797 to \$28,227 for magistrates who were credited with less than five years of service as of June 30, 1994.

General assembly principal clerks. Amends GS 120-37(c) to establish the salary of principal clerks at \$98,787.

Sergeant-at-arms and reading clerks. Amends GS 120-37(b) to set salary of sergeant-at-arms and reading clerks at \$350 per week.

Legislative employees. Provides that salaries of nonelected General Assembly employees shall be increased by 7%.

Community colleges personnel/salary increases. Provides 7% salary increase for all community college employees supported by state funds.

University of North Carolina System/EPA salary increases. Directs the Director of the Budget to transfer sufficient funds to provide a salary increase of 7% for University employees and employees of the NC School of Science and Mathematics. Requires that funds allocated for increases for all employees other than teaching employees of the NC School of Science and Mathematics be made on an aggregated average basis, and that all funds be allocated according to rules adopted by the Board of Governors or Board of Trustees of School of Science and Mathematics. Provides that funds must be used for salary increases and necessary employer contributions.

Most state employees/salary increase. Provides 7% salary increase for all permanent full-time State employees whose salaries are set by the State Personnel Act and paid from the General Fund or Highway Funds, all permanent

part-time employees, and all permanent full-time state officials and persons in exempt positions that are recommended by the Governor or the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission and set by the General Assembly. Authorizes state agencies and departments to increase the pay rate of temporary and permanent hourly state employees by 7%, subject to the availability of funds.

All state-supported personnel/salary increases. Provides for a pay increase of 7% for all permanent full-time employees who work a nine-, ten-, or eleven-month work year schedule.

Appropriations/Reserve for Compensation Increase. Appropriates \$711,025,000 for 2006-07 from the General Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increases to provide for pay increases for public school personnel and State Employees; \$8,775,000 for 2006-07, nonrecurring, from the General Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increases to provide a one-time bonus for teachers, principals, and assistant principals at the top range of the salary schedule; and \$33,516,000 for 2006-07 from the Highway Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increases to implement other pay increases authorized by act. Requires that the Director of the Budget transfer to the State Board of Education from the Reserve for Compensation Increases those funds necessary to provide an average 7% salary increase for noncertified public school personnel and those certified public school personnel who are not at the top of their salary ranges.

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