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**H 318. LEGISLATIVE INTEGRITY AND PENSION FORFEITURE.** Filed 2/21/07. *TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVICTED OF CERTAIN FELONIES COMMITTED WHILE IN OFFICE AND IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES SHALL FORFEIT THEIR PENSIONS UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.* Enacts new GS 120-4.33 prohibiting the Board of Trustees from paying retirement benefits (other than a return of contributions) to any member of the General Assembly who is convicted of a felony under a law listed in the statute that is committed while the person is serving as a member of the General Assembly if the conduct the offense is based on is directly related to service as a member of the General Assembly. Amends GS 120-4.12 to require members who have not vested in the legislative retirement system at the time GS 120-4.33 becomes law and are convicted of an offense to forfeit all benefits; members who have vested at the time GS 120-4.33 becomes law and are convicted of an offense after that date are not entitled to creditable service accruing after the date the statute becomes law.

**Intro. by Stam.**

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