March 21, 2007

**S 1226. RETIRED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RETURN TO WORK.** Filed 3/21/07. TO ENABLE RETIRED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT LOSING RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

Current law provides that a retired employee under the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System (TSERS) who is re-employed by TSERS is subject to an earnings cap on the amount of earnings that the employee may earn without reduction of the employee's retirement benefits. Amends GS 135-3(8)c to provide an exception to the earnings cap for retired health care professionals re-employed to provide health care services in a local health department in a permanent full-time or part-time capacity that exceeds 50% of the applicable workweek, if the reemployed retiree has (1) been retired at least six months and (2) not been employed in any capacity for at least six months with a local health department prior to the effective date of reemployment. Requires each local health department to contribute to TSERS a Reemployed Health Care Professional Contribution Rate of 11.70% as a percentage of covered salaries that the retired health care professionals are being paid. Provides definitions for *local health department* and *retired health care professional* as used in this act. Effective June 30, 2007. Intro. by Dalton.

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July 19, 2007

**S 1226. RETIRED NURSES RETURN TO WORK (NEW).** Filed 3/21/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes proposed amendments to GS 135-3(8)c. Changes the title to *AN ACT TO ENABLE RETIRED NURSES TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY WITHOUT LOSING RETIREMENT BENEFITS.* Amends GS 128-24(5)c as title indicates. Requires Cleveland County to pay to the Local Government Employees' Retirement System a contribution rate on covered salaries paid to retired nurses affected by the act. The act becomes effective June 30, 2007, and expires June 30, 2009.

July 25, 2007

**S 1226. RETIRED NURSES RETURN TO WORK.** Filed 3/21/07. Senate committee substitute for the 3rd edition does not make any changes.