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Short Title: Retirement System COLAs.

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Sponsors: Representative L. Bell.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF THE
3 TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT
6 SYSTEM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 135-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 "(uuu) From and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on account of
10 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2014, shall be increased by two
11 percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2014, in accordance with G.S. 135-5(o).
12 Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on account of
13 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2014, but before June 30, 2015, shall
14 be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined
15 by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was
16 paid between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015."

17 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 128-27 is amended by adding five new subsections to read:

18 "(hhh) From and after July 1, 2006, the retirement allowance to or on account of
19 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2005, shall be increased by two
20 and eight-tenths percent (2.8%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2006, in accordance with
21 subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2006, the retirement
22 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2005,
23 but before June 30, 2006, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and eight-tenths
24 percent (2.8%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the
25 number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2005, and June 30,
26 2006.

27 (iii) From and after July 1, 2007, the retirement allowance to or on account of
28 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2006, shall be increased by two
29 and two-tenths percent (2.2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2007, in accordance with
30 subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2007, the retirement
31 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2006,
32 but before June 30, 2007, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and two-tenths
33 percent (2.2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the
34 number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2006, and June 30,
35 2007.



1 (jjj) From and after July 1, 2008, the retirement allowance to or on account of
2 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2007, shall be increased by two
3 and fifteen-hundredths percent (2.15%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2008, in
4 accordance with subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2008, the
5 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July
6 1, 2007, but before June 30, 2008, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and
7 fifteen-hundredths percent (2.15%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of
8 Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July
9 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008.

10 (kkk) From and after July 1, 2009, the retirement allowance to or on account of
11 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2008, shall be increased by
12 one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2009, in accordance with
13 subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2009, the retirement
14 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2008,
15 but before June 30, 2009, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one-tenth of one percent
16 (0.1%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the
17 number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2008, and June 30,
18 2009.

19 (lll) From and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on account of
20 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2014, shall be increased by two
21 percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2015, in accordance with subsection (k) of
22 this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on
23 account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2014, but before June 30,
24 2015, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as
25 determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement
26 allowance was paid between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015."

27 **SECTION 2.(b)** The cost-of-living increases provided for in G.S. 128-27(hhh)
28 through (kkk), as enacted in subsection (a) of this section, represent increases already provided
29 by the Board of Trustees to members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement
30 System.

31 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 120-4.22A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

32 "(z) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2015, the
33 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or
34 before January 1, 2015, shall be increased by two percent (2%) of the allowance payable on
35 June 1, 2015. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on
36 account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January 1, 2015, but before June
37 30, 2015, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable
38 as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement
39 allowance was paid between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015."

40 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

41 "(ff) From and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on account of
42 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2014, shall be increased by two
43 percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2015. Furthermore, from and after July 1,
44 2015, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced
45 after July 1, 2014, but before June 30, 2015, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two
46 percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the
47 number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2014, and June 30,
48 2015."

49 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.