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HOUSE BILL DRH40193-MRa-58 (03/01)

Short Title: Give Retirees 1.5% COLA/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative L. Bell.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE  
3 TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDICIAL  
4 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(vvv) From and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of  
8 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2016, shall be increased by one  
9 and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2017, in accordance with  
10 G.S. 135-5(o). Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on  
11 account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2016, but before June 30,  
12 2017, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the  
13 allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months  
14 that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017."

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 "(gg) From and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of  
17 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2016, shall be increased by one  
18 and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2017. Furthermore, from and  
19 after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement  
20 commenced after July 1, 2016, but before June 30, 2017, shall be increased by a prorated  
21 amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable as determined by the  
22 Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid  
23 between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017."

24 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 120-4.22A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 "(aa) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2017, the  
26 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or  
27 before January 1, 2017, shall be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance  
28 payable on June 1, 2017. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to  
29 or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January 1, 2017, but before  
30 June 30, 2017, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of  
31 the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of  
32 months that a retirement allowance was paid between January 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017."

33 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve for  
34 Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustments the sum of sixty-seven million dollars (\$67,000,000) for  
35 the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of sixty-seven million dollars (\$67,000,000) for the  
36 2018-2019 fiscal year to implement the cost-of-living adjustment authorized by this act.



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**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.