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HOUSE BILL DRH40008-MRp-26

Short Title: Restore State Emp/Teacher Retiree Med Benefit. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives von Haefen, Ball, Lucas, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OF RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR
3 MEMBERS FIRST EARNING SERVICE UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE
4 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE
6 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, ESTABLISHED UNDER G.S. 135-5.1 AND
7 G.S. 135-5.4, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.
8 Whereas, North Carolina's student population is growing by an estimated 20,000
9 students a year; and
10 Whereas, North Carolina will need to continue to recruit and hire teachers to meet the
11 needs of our growing student population; and
12 Whereas, North Carolina must offer competitive benefits and salaries to teachers in
13 order to recruit, hire, and retain teachers within the State; and
14 Whereas, State retirement benefits have proven both to be attractive to job seekers
15 and to increase hiring competition between the State and private sector employers; and
16 Whereas, subsections (c) and (d) of Section 35.21 of S.L. 2017-57 eliminated the
17 retiree medical benefit for teachers and State employees first earning contributory service in the
18 retirement system after January 1, 2021; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
20 **SECTION 1.** Subsections (c) and (d) of Section 35.21 of S.L. 2017-57 are repealed.
21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective retroactively to December 31, 2020.

