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HOUSE BILL DRH10103-MGap-87

Short Title: Give State Retirees 2% COLA/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hurley.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE
3 TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE
4 CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "(xxx) From and after July 1, 2021, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries
9 whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2020, shall be increased by two percent (2%)
10 of the allowance payable on June 1, 2021, in accordance with G.S. 135-5(o). Furthermore, from
11 and after July 1, 2021, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose
12 retirement commenced after July 1, 2020, but before June 30, 2021, shall be increased by a
13 prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of
14 Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1,
15 2020, and June 30, 2021."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 "(ii) From and after July 1, 2021, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries
18 whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2020, shall be increased by two percent (2%)
19 of the allowance payable on June 1, 2021. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2021, the
20 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July
21 1, 2020, but before June 30, 2021, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%)
22 of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of
23 months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021."

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

25 "(cc) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2021, the
26 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before
27 January 1, 2021, shall be increased by two percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1,
28 2021. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2021, the retirement allowance to or on account of
29 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January 1, 2021, but before June 30, 2021, shall
30 be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined
31 by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid
32 between January 1, 2021, and June 30, 2021."

33 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve for Retiree
34 Cost-of-Living Adjustments the sum of ninety-six million dollars (\$96,000,000) for the
35 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of ninety-six million dollars (\$96,000,000) for the 2022-2023
36 fiscal year to implement the cost-of-living adjustment authorized by this act.



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SECTION 5. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.