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HOUSE BILL DRH40683-MGap-192

Short Title: 2.5% COLA for State Retirees/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Logan.

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 "(zzz) From and after July 1, 2022, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries
9 whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2021, shall be increased by two and one-half
10 percent (2.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2022, in accordance with subsection (o) of
11 this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2022, the retirement allowance to or on account
12 of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2021, but before June 30, 2022, shall
13 be increased by a prorated amount of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the allowance payable
14 as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement
15 allowance was paid between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022."

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

17 "(kk) From and after July 1, 2022, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries
18 whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2021, shall be increased by two and one-half
19 percent (2.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2022. Furthermore, from and after July 1,
20 2022, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced
21 after July 1, 2021, but before June 30, 2022, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and
22 one-half percent (2.5%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based
23 upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2021, and June
24 30, 2022."

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

26 "(ee) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2022, the
27 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before
28 January 1, 2022, shall be increased by two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the allowance payable
29 on June 1, 2022. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2022, the retirement allowance to or on
30 account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January 1, 2022, but before June 30,
31 2022, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the
32 allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that
33 a retirement allowance was paid between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022."

34 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve for Retiree
35 Cost-of-Living Adjustments the sum of one hundred twenty-seven million dollars



1 (\$127,000,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to implement the cost-of-living adjustments
2 authorized by this act.

3 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.