

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE ACTUARIAL NOTE
RETIREMENT**

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 31

SHORT TITLE: Remove Cap on Charter Schools

SPONSOR(S): Representative Allred

SYSTEM OR PROGRAM AFFECTED: Teachers' & State Employees' Retirement System

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund, Highway Fund and Receipt Fund

BILL SUMMARY: Under the existing law, a maximum number of charter schools cannot exceed 100. This bill will remove the cap and allows as many as are approved by the State Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE: Retirement System Actuary: Buck Consultants estimates the cost to be negligible.

General Assembly Actuary: Hartman & Associates estimates no significant cost but points out that the potential exist for antiselection.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Teachers' & State Employees' Retirement System

The cost estimates of the System's Actuary are based on the employee data, actuarial assumptions and actuarial methods used to prepare the December 31, 2001, actuarial valuation of the fund. The data included 297,252 active members with an annual payroll of \$9.5 billion and 112,482 retired members in receipt of annual pensions totaling \$1.83 billion. Significant actuarial assumptions used include (a) an investment return rate of 7.25%, (b) salary increase rate of 6.25%, (c) the George B. Buck Mortality Tables for deaths in service and after retirement and (d) rates of separation from active service based on System experience. The actuarial cost method used was the entry age normal method with open-end unfunded accrued liability and a frozen unfunded liquidation period of nine years. Detailed information concerning these assumptions and methods is shown in the actuary's report, which is available upon request from Stanley Moore.

SOURCES OF DATA: System Actuary - Buck Consultant, Inc.
General Assembly Actuary - Hartman & Associates, LLC

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