

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-143  
HOUSE BILL 654**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF RETIREMENT TO CLARIFY THAT  
SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF A SCHOOL BOARD IS NOT CONSIDERED  
SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THAT DEFINITION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 135-1(20) reads as rewritten:

"(20) "Retirement" means the termination of employment and the complete separation from active service with no intent or agreement, express or implied, to return to service. A retirement allowance under the provisions of this Chapter may only be granted upon retirement of a member. In order for a member's retirement to become effective in any month, the member must render no service, including part-time, temporary, substitute, or contractor service, at any time during the six months immediately following the effective date of retirement. For purposes of this subdivision, service as a member of a school board shall not be considered service."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 2:03 p.m. this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007