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Short Title: Local Governmental Employees' Retire. COLA. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative McNeill (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 128-27 is amended by adding five new subsections to read:

6 "(hhh) From and after July 1, 2006, the retirement allowance to or on account of
7 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2005, shall be increased by two
8 and eight-tenths percent (2.8%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2006, in accordance with
9 subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2006, the retirement
10 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2005,
11 but before June 30, 2006, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and eight-tenths
12 percent (2.8%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the
13 number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2005, and June 30,
14 2006.

15 (iii) From and after July 1, 2007, the retirement allowance to or on account of
16 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2006, shall be increased by two
17 and two-tenths percent (2.2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2007, in accordance with
18 subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2007, the retirement
19 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2006,
20 but before June 30, 2007, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and two-tenths
21 percent (2.2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the
22 number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2006, and June 30,
23 2007.

24 (jjj) From and after July 1, 2008, the retirement allowance to or on account of
25 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2007, shall be increased by two
26 and fifteen-hundredths percent (2.15%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2008, in
27 accordance with subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2008, the
28 retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July
29 1, 2007, but before June 30, 2008, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two and
30 fifteen-hundredths percent (2.15%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of
31 Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July
32 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008.

33 (kkk) From and after July 1, 2009, the retirement allowance to or on account of
34 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2008, shall be increased by



1 one-tenth of one percent (.1%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2009, in accordance with
2 subsection (k) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2009, the retirement
3 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2008,
4 but before June 30, 2009, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one-tenth of a percent
5 (.1%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number
6 of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009.

7 (III) From and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on account of
8 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2014, shall be increased by one
9 percent (1%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2015, in accordance with subsection (k) of
10 this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2015, the retirement allowance to or on
11 account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2014, but before June 30,
12 2015, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one percent (1%) of the allowance payable as
13 determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement
14 allowance was paid between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015."

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** The cost-of-living increases provided for in G.S. 128-27(hhh)
16 through (kkk), as enacted in subsection (a) of this section, represent increases already provided
17 by the Board of Trustees to members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement
18 System.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.