GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

H HOUSE BILL 243

Short Title: Teacher Retirement Eligibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rogers; Bell, Bonner, Boyd-McIntyre, Carpenter, Cox, Culpepper, Earle, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Lucas, McLawhorn, Preston, Russell, Shubert, Smith, Teague, Wainwright, Warner, Warwick, Weiss, and Yongue.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "TEACHER" FOR PURPOSES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 135-1(25) reads as rewritten:

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"(25) "Teacher" shall mean any teacher, helping teacher, librarian, principal, supervisor, superintendent of public schools or any full-time employee, city or county, superintendent of public instruction, or any full-time employee of Department of Public Instruction, president, dean or teacher, or any full-time employee in any educational institution supported by and under the control of the State: Provided, that that, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the term "teacher" shall not include any part-time, temporary, or substitute teacher or employee, and shall not include those participating in an optional retirement program provided for in G.S. 135-5.1. In all cases of doubt, the Board of Trustees, hereinafter defined, Trustees shall determine whether any person is a teacher as defined in this Chapter. The term "teacher" includes teachers who are employed to teach in permanent positions and who work not less than fifty percent (50%) of the time that is required of a person who is employed as a teacher, as that term is defined under the provisions of G.S. 115C-325(6)."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.