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HOUSE BILL DRH10492-MRp-101B

Short Title: Restore State Emp/Teacher Retiree Med Benefit. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives von Haefen, Ball, and Lucas (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OF RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR  
3 MEMBERS FIRST EARNING SERVICE UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE  
4 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL  
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE  
6 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, ESTABLISHED UNDER G.S. 135-5.1 AND  
7 G.S. 135-5.4, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.  
8 Whereas, North Carolina's student population is growing by an estimated 20,000  
9 students a year; and  
10 Whereas, North Carolina will need to continue to recruit and hire teachers to meet the  
11 needs of our growing student population; and  
12 Whereas, North Carolina must offer competitive benefits and salaries to teachers in  
13 order to recruit, hire, and retain teachers within the State; and  
14 Whereas, State retirement benefits have proven both to be attractive to job seekers  
15 and to increase hiring competition between the State and private sector employers; and  
16 Whereas, subsections (c) and (d) of Section 35.21 of S.L. 2017-57 would eliminate  
17 the retiree medical benefit for teachers and State employees who earn contributory service in the  
18 retirement system after the year 2021; Now, therefore,  
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
20 **SECTION 1.** Subsections (c) and (d) of Section 35.21 of S.L. 2017-57 are repealed.  
21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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