

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

Legislative Retirement Note

RETIREMENT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 616 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Volunteer Service in Retirement.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Brown

FUNDS AFFECTED: General Fund, Highway Fund, and Receipt Funds

SYSTEM OR PROGRAM AFFECTED: Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

BILL SUMMARY: Amends the definition of "Retirement" to add service as an unpaid bona fide volunteer as a Guardian ad Litem member in the Guardian ad Litem program during the required six month break so that it is not considered service for the purpose of retirement.

ESTIMATED IMPACT: Both the Retirement System Actuary, Buck Consultants, and the General Assembly Actuary, Hartman & Associates, agree that there would be no material financial impact as a result of the enactment of this bill.

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, 2011 actuarial valuation of the System. The data included 310,627 active members with an annual payroll of \$12.8 billion, 171,786 retired members in receipt of annual pensions totaling \$3.5 billion and actuarial value of assets equal to \$58.1 billion. Significant actuarial assumptions used include (a) an investment return rate of 7.25% which includes inflation of 3%, (b) projected salary increases between 4.25% to 9.10% which includes inflation of 3.5%, (c) RP-2000 Mortality tables for retirees are set back one year for male teachers, set forward one year for all general employees and unadjusted for female teachers and all law enforcement officers, (d) RP-2000 Mortality tables for disabled retirees are set back six years for males and set forward one year for females, (e) RP-2000 Mortality tables for active employees are set back one year for male teachers, set forward one year for all general employees and unadjusted for female teachers and all law enforcement officers, (f) rates of separation from active service based on System experience. The actuarial cost method used was the entry age normal cost method and an amortization period of twelve years. Detailed information concerning these assumptions and methods are shown in the actuary's report, which is available upon request from Stanley Moore

SOURCES OF DATA: Buck Consultants
Hartman & Associates, LLC

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION: (919) 733-4910. The above information is provided in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 120-114 and applicable rules of the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives.

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