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HOUSE BILL 348

Short Title: Give Retirees 1.5% COLA/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative L. Bell.

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Referred to: Appropriations

March 15, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDICIAL
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 135-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(vvv) From and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2016, shall be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2017, in accordance with G.S. 135-5(o). Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2016, but before June 30, 2017, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(gg) From and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2016, shall be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2017. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2016, but before June 30, 2017, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017."

SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 120-4.22A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(aa) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before January 1, 2017, shall be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2017. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2017, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January 1, 2017, but before June 30, 2017, shall be increased by a prorated amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between January 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve for Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustments the sum of sixty-seven million dollars (\$67,000,000) for



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1 the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of sixty-seven million dollars (\$67,000,000) for the
2 2018-2019 fiscal year to implement the cost-of-living adjustment authorized by this act.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.