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Short Title: No Exemptions/Adjust Retiree Formula.	(Public)
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR FEDERAL. 3 STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND TO **INCREASE** RETIREMENT FORMULA FOR 4 THE **MEMBERS** AND 5 BENEFICIARIES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE **EMPLOYEES'** RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT 6 SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LOCAL 7 8 GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, G.S. 105-134.6(b) reads as rewritten:

- "(b) Deductions. The following deductions from taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is included in gross income:
 - (1) Interest upon the obligations of (i) the United States or its possessions, (ii) this State or a political subdivision of this State, or (iii) a nonprofit educational institution organized or chartered under the laws of this State.
 - (2) Interest upon obligations and gain from the disposition of obligations to the extent the interest or gain is exempt from tax under the laws of this State.

- Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and amounts received from retirement annuities or pensions paid under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.
 - (4) Any amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) received by the taxpayer during the taxable year as compensation for the performance of duties as a member of the North Carolina organized militia, the national guard as defined in G.S. 127A-3.
 - (5) Refunds of State, local, and foreign income taxes included in the taxpayer's gross income.
 - (6) a. An amount, not to exceed <u>four two</u> thousand dollars (\$4,000), (\$2,000), equal to the sum of the amount calculated in subparagraph b. plus the amount calculated in subparagraph c.
 - b. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more state, local, or federal government retirement plans.
 - c. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more retirement plans other than state, local, or federal government retirement plans, not to exceed a total of two one thousand dollars (\$2,000) (\$1,000) in any taxable year.
 - d. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received retirement benefits during the taxable year, the maximum dollar amounts provided in this subdivision for various types of retirement benefits apply separately to each spouse's benefits.
 - The amount of inheritance tax attributable to an item of income in **(7)** respect of a decedent required to be included in gross income under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7. The amount of inheritance tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent is (i) the amount by which the inheritance tax paid under Article 1 of this Chapter on property transferred to a beneficiary by a decedent exceeds the amount of inheritance tax that would have been payable by the beneficiary if the item of income in respect of a decedent had not been included in the property transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent, (ii) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount required to be included in gross income for the taxable year under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, and the denominator of which is the total amount of income in respect of a decedent transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent. For an estate or trust, the deduction allowed by this subdivision shall be computed by excluding from the gross income of the estate or trust the portion, if any, of the items of income in respect of a decedent that are properly
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paid, credited, or to be distributed to the beneficiaries during the taxable year.

The Secretary of Revenue may provide to a beneficiary of an item of income in respect of a decedent any information contained on an inheritance tax return that the beneficiary needs to compute the deduction allowed by this subdivision."

Sec. 2. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, G.S. 105-134.6(b)(6) is repealed.

♦ Sec. 3. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, G.S. 105-134.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-134.1. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Division:

- (1) Code. The Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1, 1989, including any provisions enacted as of that date which become effective either before or after that date, but not including sections 63(c)(4) and 151(d)(3).
- (2) Department. The Department of Revenue.
- (3) Educational institution. An educational institution that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are carried on.
- (4) Fiscal year. Defined in section 441(e) of the Code.
- (5) Gross income. Defined in section 61 of the Code.
- (6) Head of household. Defined in section 2(b) of the Code.
- (7) Individual. A natural person.
- (8) Married individual. An individual who is married and is considered married as provided in section 7703 of the Code.
- (9) Nonresident individual. An individual who is not a resident of this State.
- (10) North Carolina taxable income. Defined in G.S. 105-134.5.
- (11) Person. An individual, a fiduciary, a partnership, or a corporation. The term includes an officer or employee of a corporation or a member or employee of a partnership who, as officer, employee, or member, is under a duty to perform an act in meeting the requirements of this Division.
- (12) Resident. An individual who is domiciled in this State at any time during the taxable year or who resides in this State during the taxable year for other than a temporary or transitory purpose. In the absence of convincing proof to the contrary, an individual who is present within the State for more than 183 days during the taxable year is presumed to be a resident, but the absence of an individual from the State for more than 183 days raises no presumption that the individual is not a resident. A resident who removes from the State during a taxable year is considered a resident until he has both established a

- definite domicile elsewhere and abandoned any domicile in this State.

 The fact of marriage does not raise any presumption as to domicile or residence.
 - (13)Retirement benefits. Amounts paid to a former employee or the beneficiary of a former employee under a written retirement plan established by the employer to provide payments to an employee or the beneficiary of an employee after the end of the employee's employment with the employer where the right to receive the payments is based upon the employment relationship. With respect to a self-employed individual or the beneficiary of a self-employed individual, the term means amounts paid to the individual or beneficiary of the individual under a written retirement plan established by the individual to provide payments to the individual or the beneficiary of the individual after the end of the self-employment. In addition, the term includes amounts received from an individual retirement account described in section 408 of the Code or from an individual retirement annuity described in section 408 of the Code. For the purpose of this subdivision, the term 'employee' includes a volunteer worker.
 - (14) S Corporation. Defined in G.S. 105-131(b).
 - (15) Secretary. The Secretary of Revenue.
 - (16) Taxable income. Defined in section 63 of the Code.
 - (17) Taxable year. Defined in section 441(b) of the Code.
 - (18) Taxpayer. An individual subject to the tax imposed by this Division.
 - (19) This State. The State of North Carolina."
 - Sec. 4. ◆G.S. 135-5(b11) reads as rewritten:

"(b11) Service Retirement Allowance of Members Retiring on or after July 1, 1989.1989, but before July 1, 1990. – Upon retirement from service in accordance with subsection (a) above, on or after July 1, 1989, but before July 1, 1990, a member shall receive the following service retirement allowance:

- (1) A member who is a law enforcement officer or an eligible former law enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance computed as follows:
 - a. If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his 55th birthday, and completion of five years of creditable service as a law enforcement officer, or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and sixty-three hundredths percent (1.63%) of his average final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service.
 - b. This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 135-5(b9)(1)b.

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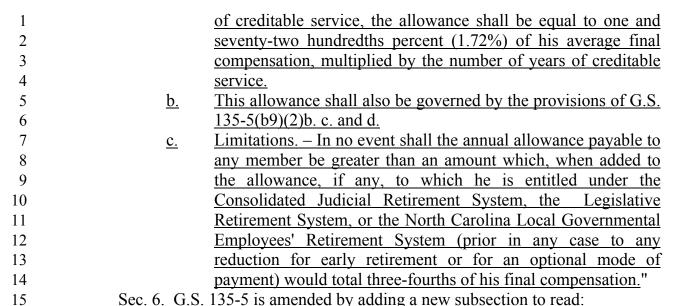
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A member who is not a law enforcement officer or an eligible former 1 (2) 2 law enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance 3 computed as follows: If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his 4 **a**. 65th birthday upon the completion of five years of creditable 5 6 service or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service 7 or on or after his 60th birthday upon the completion of 25 years 8 of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and 9 sixty-three hundredths percent (1.63%) of his average final 10 compensation, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. 11 12 b. This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 135-5(b9)(2)b. c. and d." 13 14 Sec. 5. G.S. 135-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: 15 Service Retirement Allowance of Members Retiring on or after July 1, 1990. – Upon retirement from service in accordance with subsection (a) above, on or 16 17 after July 1, 1990, a member shall receive the following service retirement allowance: 18 (1) A member who is a law enforcement officer or an eligible former law enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance 19 20 computed as follows: 21 a. If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his 55th birthday, and completion of five years of creditable service 22 as a law enforcement officer, or after the completion of 30 years 23 24 of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and seventy-two hundredths percent (1.72%) of his average final 25 compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his 26 27 creditable service. This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 28 b. 29 135-5(b9)(1)b. 30 Limitations. – In no event shall the annual allowance payable to <u>c.</u> any member be greater than an amount which, when added to 31 the allowance, if any, to which he is entitled under the 32 Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, the Legislative 33 Retirement System, or the North Carolina Local Governmental 34 35 Employees' Retirement System (prior in any case to any reduction for early retirement or for an optional mode of 36 payment) would total three-fourths of his final compensation. 37 38 (2) A member who is not a law enforcement officer or an eligible former law enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance 39 computed as follows: 40 41 If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his a. 42 65th birthday upon the completion of five years of creditable service or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service 43

or on or after his 60th birthday upon the completion of 25 years



"(rr) Increase in Allowance as to Persons on Retirement Rolls as of June 1, 1990. From and after July 1, 1990, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries on the retirement rolls as of June 1, 1990, shall be increased by five and five-tenths percent (5.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 1990. This allowance shall be calculated on the basis of the allowance payable and in effect on June 30, 1990, so as not to be compounded on any other increase granted by act of the 1989 Session of the General Assembly (1990 Regular Session)."

Sec. 7. G.S. 135-58(a) reads as rewritten:

- "(a) Any member who retires under the provisions of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of G.S. 135-57 <u>before July 1, 1990</u>, after he either has attained his sixty-fifth birthday or has completed 24 years or more of creditable service shall receive an annual retirement allowance, payable monthly, which shall commence on the effective date of his retirement and shall be continued on the first day of each month thereafter during his lifetime, the amount of which shall be computed as the sum of (1), (2) and (3) following, provided that in no event shall the annual allowance payable to any member be greater than an amount which, when added to the allowance, if any, to which he is entitled under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Legislative Retirement System or the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (prior in any case to any reduction for early retirement or for an optional mode of payment) would total three fourths of his final compensation:
 - (1) Four percent (4%) of his final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service rendered as a justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals;
 - (2) Three and one-half percent (3 1/2%) of his final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service rendered as a judge of the superior court or as administrative officer of the courts;
 - (3) Three percent (3%) of his final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service rendered as a judge of the district court, district attorney, or clerk of superior court."

Sec. 8. G.S. 135-58 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

- "(a1) Any member who retires under the provisions of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of G.S. 135-57 on or after July 1, 1990, after he either has attained his 65th birthday or has completed 24 years or more of creditable service shall receive an annual retirement allowance, payable monthly, which shall commence on the effective date of his retirement and shall be continued on the first day of each month thereafter during his lifetime, the amount of which shall be computed as the sum of (1), (2) and (3) following, provided that in no event shall the annual allowance payable to any member be greater than an amount which, when added to the allowance, if any, to which he is entitled under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Legislative Retirement System or the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (prior in any case to any reduction for early retirement or for an optional mode of payment) would total three fourths of his final compensation:
 - (1) Four and three-tenths percent (4.3%) of his final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service rendered as a justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals;
 - (2) Three and eight-tenths percent (3.8%) of his final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service rendered as a judge of the superior court or as administrative officer of the courts;
 - (3) Three and two-tenths percent (3.2%) of his final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service rendered as a judge of the district court, district attorney, or clerk of superior court."

Sec. 9. G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(k) Increase in Allowance as to Persons on Retirement Rolls as of June 1, 1990. From and after July 1, 1990, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries on the retirement rolls as of June 1, 1990, shall be increased by seven and forty-nine hundredths percent (7.49%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 1990. This allowance shall be calculated on the basis of the allowance payable and in effect on June 30, 1990, so as not to be compounded on any other increase granted by act of the 1989 Session of the General Assembly (1990 Regular Session)."

Sec. 10. G.S. 120-4.21 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-4.21. Service retirement benefits.

(a) Eligibility; Application. – Any member in service may retire with full benefits who has reached 65 years of age with five years of creditable service. Any member in service may retire with reduced benefits who has reached the age of 60 years with five years of creditable service. The member shall make written application to the Board of Trustees to retire on a service retirement allowance on the first day of the particular calendar month he designates. The designated date shall be no less than one day nor more than 90 days from the filing of the application. During this period of notification, a member may separate from service without forfeiting his retirement benefits.

- (b) Computation. Upon retirement from service in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, section before July 1, 1990, a member shall receive a service retirement allowance computed as follows:
 - (1) For a member whose retirement date occurs on or after his 65th birthday and upon completion of five years of creditable service, four percent (4%) of his 'highest annual salary,' multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.
 - (2) For a member whose retirement date occurs on or after his 60th and before his 65th birthday and upon completion of five years of creditable service, computation as in subdivision (1) of this subsection, reduced by one-fourth of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for each month his retirement date precedes his 65th birthday.
- (b1) Computation. Upon retirement from service in accordance with subsection (a) of this section on or after July 1, 1990, a member shall receive a service retirement allowance computed as follows:
 - (1) For a member whose retirement date occurs on or after his 65th birthday and upon completion of five years of creditable service, four and three-tenths percent (4.3%) of his 'highest annual salary,' multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.
 - (2) For a member whose retirement date occurs on or after his 60th and before his 65th birthday and upon completion of five years of creditable service, computation as in subdivision (1) of this subsection, reduced by one-fourth of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for each month his retirement date precedes his 65th birthday.
- (c) Limitations. In no event shall any member receive a service retirement allowance greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of his 'highest annual salary' nor shall he receive any service retirement allowance whatever while employed in a position that makes him a contributing member of any of the following retirement systems: The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, the Law-Enforcement Officers' Retirement System, the Uniform Judicial Retirement System of North Carolina, the Uniform Solicitorial Retirement System of North Carolina or the Uniform Clerks of Court Retirement System of North Carolina. If he should become a member of any of these systems, payment of his service retirement allowance shall be suspended until he withdraws from membership in that system."
 - Sec. 11. G.S. 120-4.22A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
- "(f) Increase in Allowance as to Persons on Retirement Rolls as of June 1, 1990. From and after July 1, 1990, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries on the retirement rolls as of June 1, 1990, shall be increased by seven and forty-nine hundredths percent (7.49%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 1990. This allowance shall be calculated on the basis of the allowance payable and in effect on June 30, 1990, so as not to be compounded on any other increase granted by act of the 1989 Session of the General Assembly (1990 Regular Session)."
 - Sec. 12. G.S. 128-27(b11) reads as rewritten:

"(b11) Service Retirement Allowance of Members Retiring on or after July 1, 1 1989.1989, but before July 1, 1991. – Upon retirement from service in accordance with 2 3 subsection (a) above, on or after July 1, 1989, but before July 1, 1991, a member shall receive the following service retirement allowance: 4 5 A member who is a law enforcement officer or an eligible former law (1) 6 enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance 7 computed as follows: 8 If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his 9 55th birthday, and completion of five years of creditable service 10 as a law enforcement officer, or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and 11 12 sixty-three hundredths percent (1.63%) of his average final compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his 13 14 creditable service. 15 b. This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 16 128-27(b8)(2). A member who is not a law enforcement officer or an eligible former 17 (2) 18 law enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance computed as follows: 19 20 If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his 21 65th birthday upon the completion of five years of creditable service or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service 22 23 or on or after his 60th birthday upon the completion of 25 years 24 of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and sixty-three hundredths percent (1.63%) of his average final 25 26 compensation, multiplied by the number of years of creditable 27 service. This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 28 b. 29 128-27(b7)(2a) and (3)." 30 Sec. 13. G.S. 128-27 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: Service Retirement Allowance of Members Retiring on or after July 1, 31 32 1991. – Upon retirement from service in accordance with subsection (a) above, on or 33 after July 1, 1991, a member shall receive the following service retirement allowance: A member who is a law enforcement officer or an eligible former law 34 (1) 35 enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance computed as follows: 36 37 If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his 38 55th birthday, and completion of five years of creditable service 39 as a law enforcement officer, or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and 40 seventy-two hundredths percent (1.72%) of his average final 41 42 compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his

creditable service.

- This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 1 b. 2 128-27(b8)(2). 3 Limitations. – In no event shall the annual allowance payable to <u>c.</u> any member be greater than an amount which, when added to 4 5 the allowance, if any, to which he is entitled under the 6 Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, the Legislative 7 Retirement System, or the Teachers' and State Employees' 8 Retirement System (prior in any case to any reduction for early 9 retirement or for an optional mode of payment) would total 10 three-fourths of his final compensation. (2) A member who is not a law enforcement officer or an eligible former 11 12 law enforcement officer shall receive a service retirement allowance computed as follows: 13 14 If the member's service retirement date occurs on or after his a. 15 65th birthday upon the completion of five years of creditable service or after the completion of 30 years of creditable service 16 17 or on or after his 60th birthday upon the completion of 25 years 18 of creditable service, the allowance shall be equal to one and seventy-two hundredths percent (1.72%) of his average final 19 20 compensation, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. 21 This allowance shall also be governed by the provisions of G.S. 22 <u>b.</u> 23 128-27(b7)(2a) and (3). 24 Limitations. – In no event shall the annual allowance payable to <u>c.</u> any member be greater than an amount which, when added to 25 the allowance, if any, to which he is entitled under the 26 Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, the Legislative 27 Retirement System, or the Teachers' and State Employees' 28 29 Retirement System (prior in any case to any reduction for early 30 retirement or for an optional mode of payment) would total 31 three-fourths of his final compensation." 32 Sec. 14. G.S. 128-27 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: 33 "(hh) Increase in Allowance as to Persons on Retirement Rolls as of June 1, 1990. From and after July 1, 1990, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries 34 35 on the retirement rolls as of June 1, 1990, shall be increased by five and five-tenths percent (5.5%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 1990. This allowance shall be 36 calculated on the basis of the allowance payable and in effect on June 30, 1990, so as 37
 - Sec. 15. The State's contribution rate for the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program shall be increased effective August 1, 1990, from eight and twenty-seven hundredths percent (8.27%) to eight and seventy-one hundredths percent (8.71%). The foregoing contribution rate includes one and sixty-five hundredths percent (1.65%)

not to be compounded on any other increase granted by act of the 1989 Session of the

General Assembly (1990 Regular Session)."

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- for hospital and medical benefits and fifty-two hundredths percent (0.52%) for the Disability Income Plan.
- Sec. 16. Section 1 of this act shall become effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1990. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall become
- 4 beginning on or after January 1, 1990. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall become effective for the taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1991. Sections 12 and
- 6 13 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1991. The remainder of this act shall
- 7 become effective July 1, 1990.