

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 693
SENATE BILL 1393

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND CATAWBA COUNTY SHERIFFS' OFFICES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS AFFORDED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 532 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. For the purposes of benefits afforded on account of membership in the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, a 'law enforcement officer' as defined in G.S. 128-21(11b) and a 'law-enforcement officer' as defined in G.S. 143-166.50(a)(3) shall include an employee of the Mecklenburg Sheriff's ~~Department serving as a sworn and certified jailer or telecommunicator.~~ Office who possesses the power of arrest, who has taken the law enforcement officer oath administered under the authority of the State as prescribed by G.S. 11-11, and who is certified as a deputy sheriff by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission under the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. 'Law enforcement officer' also means the sheriff of the county."

Sec. 2. Section 1 of Chapter 306 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. For the purposes of benefits afforded on account of membership in the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, a 'law enforcement officer' as defined in G.S. 128-21(11b) and a 'law-enforcement officer' as defined in G.S. 143-166.50(a)(3) shall include an employee of the Catawba Sheriff's ~~Department serving as a sworn and certified jailer or telecommunicator.~~ Office who possesses the power of arrest, who has taken the law enforcement officer oath administered under the authority of the State as prescribed by G.S. 11-11, and who is certified as a deputy sheriff by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission under the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. 'Law enforcement officer' also means the sheriff of the county."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification, with Section 1 applying to Mecklenburg County sheriff's personnel who were employed by the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office between July 1, 1994, and the effective date of this act, and Section 2 applying to Catawba County sheriff's personnel who were employees of the

Catawba County Sheriff's Department and who were enrolled in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System on June 20, 1995.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 1996.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives