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Short Title: Retirement	Admin. Changes Act of 2024.	(Public)
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	May 6, 2024	
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PROGRAM OR SIMIL NORTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT ALLOW RETIREMENT SYSTEM		HE UNIVERSITY OF E RECEIPT OF A STATE EMPLOYEES'
" <u>h.</u>	G.S. 135-3(a)(8) is amended by adding a new If a beneficiary who retired on an early or servi under this Article is reemployed by an employe to participate in either the Optional Retirement benefit to the Optional Retirement Progra G.S. 116-350.30 or G.S. 116-360.15 and that I participate in either program, then that be allowance shall be suspended as of the first day the month in which the beneficiary was reemp retirement allowance shall be reinstated as of the following the month in which the beneficiary to the Optional Retirement Program G.S. 116-350.30 or G.S. 116-360.15."	ice retirement allowance er with an option to elect ant Program or a similar m offered pursuant to beneficiary does elect to beneficiary's retirement y of the month following loyed. The beneficiary's he first day of the month ary ceases contributing ram or a similar benefit
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1	under this Article for any month, beginning immediately after the member's separation from
2	service to that employer, that includes the time period used to determine the lump sum severance
3	payment."
4	SECTION 2.(b) G.S. 128-27 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
5	"(a4) Effect of Severance Pay. – Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
6	contrary, a member in receipt of severance pay from an employer is not eligible to receive a
7	retirement allowance under this Article while in receipt of that severance pay. If a member is
8	entitled to receive a lump sum severance payment based on a certain period of time, such as a
9	number of weeks or months, then the member is not eligible to receive a retirement allowance
10	under this Article for any month, beginning immediately after the member's separation from
11	service to that employer, that includes the time period used to determine the lump sum severance
12	payment."
13	SECTION 2.(c) G.S. 135-58 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
14	"(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or G.S. 135-57 to the contrary, a
15	member in receipt of severance pay from an employer is not eligible to receive a retirement
16	allowance under this Article while in receipt of that severance pay. If, as severance, the member
17	is entitled to receive a lump sum payment based on a certain period of time, such as a number of
18	weeks or months, then the member is not eligible to receive a retirement allowance under this
19 20	Article for any month, beginning immediately after the member's separation from service to that
20	employer, that includes the time period used to determine the lump sum payment."
21 22	SECTION 2.(d) This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to members
22	in receipt of severance pay that begins on or after that date and to members entitled to receive a
23 24	lump sum payment based on a certain period of time that begins on or after that date.
24 25	PART III. CHANGES RELATED TO EMPLOYER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
23 26	FOR THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND
	THE LOCAL COVEDNMENTAL EMDLOVEES' DETIDEMENT SVSTEM
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1		which might otherwise be made to such the employer from State shall be withheld from such the employer until notice	from the Board to
3		the State Treasurer that such the employer is no longer in c	
4		In the event that an employer fails to submit paymen	• 1
5		contributions or payments to the Retirement Systems Divis	
6		one percent (1%) payment provided for in the first	
7		subdivision, within 90 days after the date set by the Board	
8		Board shall notify the State Treasurer of its intent to coll	-
9		contributions and other payments due to the Retirement Sys	
)		request an interception of State appropriations due to	the participating
1		employer.	
2		Except as provided in this subdivision, upon notification	-
3		Trustees to the State Treasurer and the Office of S	0
1		Management as to the default of the employer, the Office of	-
5		Management shall withhold from any State appropriation du	1.
5		an amount equal to the sum of all delinquent contributions a	
7		to the Retirement Systems Division and shall transmit t	
3		Retirement Systems Division. For the purposes of this subs	
)		by the Board of Trustees for payment of the contribution	-
) l		liability shall be 12 months after the member's effective da	
2		the first day of the month coincident with or next following the data of the investor, which even is later	ig six months after
	(4)	the date of the invoice, whichever is later.	one required under
} ↓	(4)	In conjunction with the employee and employer contribution this section, the Board of Trustees shall direct employee	-
+ 5		this section, the Board of Trustees shall direct employe information on a monthly basis as that is necessary for pro-	
5		of the Retirement System, actuarial valuation, and reporting	
7		standards set forth by the Governmental Accounting Stand	
3		Financial Accounting Foundation. This required info	
)		considered part of the employee and employer contribution	
)		this section. The employee and employer contributions a	-
		received until the required information is submitted to the F	
		Submission of such this information by an employer to the	-
		constitutes a certification of its accuracy.	j
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		FION 3.(b) G.S. 128-30(g) reads as rewritten:	
	"(g) Colle	ction of Contributions The following shall apply to	the collection of
<u>c</u>	contributions:		
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)	(3)	In the event If the employee or employer contributions r	equired under this
)		section section, including the information to be submitted i	n conjunction with
		those contributions under subdivision (4) of this subsectio	n, are not received
2		by the date set by the Board of Trustees and provided that a c	-
3		has not been agreed upon in advance due to exigent circu	
ŀ		Board shall assess the employer with a penalty, in lieu of	-
5		month with a minimum penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$,
5		may waive one penalty per employer every five years if the	
7		the employer has consistently demonstrated good-faith effo	
3		the set deadline. If within 90 days after request therefor for	
)		or the required information by the Board any employer shall	-
)		the System with the <u>required</u> records and other information	-
		information, or if the full accrued amount of the contribu	tions provided for

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41 42 under this section due from members employed by an employer or from an employer shall not have been received by the System from the chief fiscal officer of such-the employer within 30 days after the last due date as herein provided, date, then, notwithstanding anything herein in this section or in the provisions of any other provision of law to the contrary, upon notification of the employer's default by the Board to the State Treasurer as to the default of such employer as herein provided, Treasurer, any distributions which might otherwise be made to such-the employer, or the municipality or county of which such the employer is an integral part, from any funds of the State or any funds collected by the State shall be withheld from such-the employer until notice from the Board to the State Treasurer that such-the employer is no longer in default. In the event that an employer fails to submit payment of any required contributions or payments to the Retirement Systems Division, other than the one percent (1%) payment provided for in the first paragraph of this

contributions or payments to the Retirement Systems Division, other than the one percent (1%) payment provided for in the first paragraph of this subdivision, within 90 days after the date set by the Board of Trustees, the Board shall notify the State Treasurer of its intent to collect the delinquent contributions and other payments due to the Retirement Systems Division and request an interception of State appropriations due to the participating employer.

Except as provided in this subdivision, upon notification by the Board of Trustees to the State Treasurer and the Office of State Budget and Management as to the default of the employer, the Office of State Budget and Management shall withhold from any State appropriation due to that employer an amount equal to the sum of all delinquent contributions and other debts due to the Retirement Systems Division and shall transmit that amount to the Retirement Systems Division. For the purposes of this subsection, the date set by the Board of Trustees for payment of the contribution-based benefit cap liability shall be 12 months after the member's effective date of retirement, or the first day of the month coincident with or next following six months after the date of the invoice, whichever is later.

(4) In conjunction with the employee and employer contributions required under this section, the Board of Trustees shall direct employers to submit such information on a monthly basis as-that is necessary for proper administration of the Retirement System, actuarial valuation, and reporting under accounting standards set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board of the Financial Accounting Foundation. <u>This required information shall be considered part of the employee and employer contributions required under this section. The employee and employer contributions are not considered received until the required information is submitted to the Retirement System. Submission of such-this information by an employer to the Retirement System constitutes a certification of its accuracy."</u>

43 **SECTION 3.(c)** This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to employee 44 and employer contributions, and the information to be submitted in conjunction with those 45 contributions, required on or after that date.

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47 PART IV. EFFECT OF THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE 48 RETIREMENT SYSTEM OCCURRING WHILE APPLYING FOR A RETIREMENT

49 ALLOWANCE

- 50 SECTION 4.(a) G.S. 120-4.26 reads as rewritten:
- 51 "§ 120-4.26. Benefit payment options.

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1	(a) Any i	member may elect to receive their-benefits in a retirem	ent allowance payable
2	throughout life,	or the member may elect to receive the actuarial equiva	alent of the retirement
3	allowance in a r	educed allowance payable throughout life under the pro-	ovisions of one of the
4	options set forth	below. in this section. No election may be made after the	first payment becomes
5	normally due an	d the first payment date has occurred, nor may an ele	ction be revoked or a
6	nomination chan	ged. changed, except as provided for by this section.	
7		ember dies after the effective date of retirement for which	h the member has been
8	approved, then or	ne of the following shall apply:	
9	<u>(1)</u>	If the Board of Trustees has received an election of ben	efits under this section
10		that is properly filed and acknowledged by the membe	r and the member dies
11		before the date when the first payment on account of	f any benefit normally
12		becomes due and the first benefit payment has occurre	ed, then the retirement
13		benefit shall be payable as provided for by the member	c's election of benefits.
14	<u>(2)</u>	If the member dies prior to the receipt by the Board of	Trustees of an election
15		of benefits under this section that is properly filed and	l acknowledged by the
16		member, then one of the following shall apply:	
17		a. If the member has no designated benefic	iary for a return of
18		accumulated contributions, then the administra	ator or executor of the
19		member's estate shall elect an option under this	s section and name the
20		beneficiary or beneficiaries.	
21		b. If the member has only one designated bene	ficiary for a return of
22		accumulated contributions, then that beneficiar	y may elect to receive
23		the benefit.	
24		c. If the member has more than one designated b	•
25		of accumulated contributions, then the administ	
26		member's estate shall elect an option under this	s section and name the
27		beneficiary or beneficiaries.	
28		lection of Option 2 or Option 3 or the nomination of the p	
29		ptions shall be revoked if the person nominated dies pri	
30		es normally due and the first payment date has occurred	-
31	•	nember prior to the date the first payment becomes nor	nally due and the first
32		s occurred. Provided, however, in the event	
33		nember has elected Option 2 or Option 3 and nominate	
34		ent allowance upon the member's death, and the spouse pr	
35	1 •	ment becomes normally due or the first payment date ha	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
36		remarries he or she <u>remarries</u> , then, within 90 days of the r	-
37		new spouse to receive the retirement allowance under	
38) days of the remarriage. option. The new nomination sh	
39 40	•	nonth in which it is made and shall provide for a retirement	-
40		ial equivalent of the retirement allowance in effect im	mediately prior to the
41		the new nomination.	
42 43		nember having elected Options 2 or 3 and nominated his of	-
43 44		wance upon the member's death may, after divorce from	
44 45		nation and elect a new option, effective on the first day	
43 46	-	is elected, providing for a retirement allowance compu-	
40 47	option.	retirement allowance in effect immediately prior to the ef	itelive uale of the new
47 48	-	enefit payment options under this section are as follows:	
48 49	(1) (1) (1)	Option 1. – For Members Retiring Prior to July 1, 199	
49 50	<u>(1)</u>	within 10 years from his the member's retirement date,	
50 51		the member's accumulated contributions at retirement.	-
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		twentieth (1/120) for each month for which <u>he</u> <u>the mem</u> retirement allowance payment, shall be paid to <u>his</u> <u>th</u> representative or to the person <u>he</u> <u>the member</u> nom designation acknowledged and filed with the Board of Tru	<u>e member's lega</u> inates by writter
	<u>(2)</u>	Option 2. – Upon <u>his a member's</u> death, <u>his the member's</u> allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and pa <u>the member</u> nominates by written designation duly acknow	reduced retiremen id to the person he wledged and filed
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5		Trustees, the Joint Legislative Commission or	Governmental Operations, and
6		the Fiscal Research Division on or before Aug	gust 1 of each year on the (i) and
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PART VII. E	XPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION I	N THE NORTH
CAROLINA 40	1(K) SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT INCOME PLA	AN
SEC	FION 7.(a) G.S. 135-92(a) reads as rewritten:	
"(a) The r	nembership eligibility of the Supplemental Retirement Incor	ne Plan shall consist
of any of the fol	owing individuals who voluntarily elect to enroll in the Plan	n:
<u>(10)</u>	Part-time and full-time employees of an employer that	
	employees eligible for the Plan pursuant to subdivisions (1	1) through (9) of this
	subsection.	
<u>(11)</u>	Part-time and full-time employees of a State agency or i	-
	its political subdivisions, that, with the consent of the Bo	ard of Trustees, has
	elected to allow its employees to enroll in the Plan."	
	TION 7.(b) G.S. 135-93(b) reads as rewritten:	
	State and any of its political subdivisions may make c	
	etirement Income Plan on behalf of any of its member	· •
	e nondiscriminatory in accordance with the Internal Reven	
	e duly appropriated by their governing bodies, and the cont	
	count. An employer may make contributions to the Plan on b	
	for the Plan under subdivisions (1) through (9) of G.S. 135-9	
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	. 135-92(a) and doing so shall not be considered out of co	
-	loyer contributions to the Plan are declared expenditures for	r a public purpose."
SEC	TION 7.(c) This section is effective January 1, 2025.	
	LOW UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HOLDERS TO SU	
	TE TREASURER FOR A WAIVER OF DUE DILIGEN	NCE IN SPECIAL
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	FION 8.(a) G.S. 116B-59 reads as rewritten:	
"§ 116B-59. No	tice by holders to apparent owners.	
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	lder of property that is presumed abandoned and that is eit	· · · · •
1	rest in a business association, including a security entitlement	
-	e General Statutes, that is valued at twenty-five dollars (\$2)	
	than a security or other equity interest in a business asso	
	ent under Article 8 of Chapter 25 of the General Statutes, t	
	or more shall send written notice by first-class mail to the	
	ays or less than 60 days before filing the report required by	
Article. The hold	ler shall exercise reasonable care to ascertain that it is sendin	ig the written notice

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1 2 3 4	required	parent owner's correct address. A holder may authorize a third party to by this subsection. Notwithstanding any third-party authorization, bility for a failure to comply with this section.	
4 5	 (c)	The written notice to apparent owners required under this section i	must contain all of
6	the follo		
7 8 9		(1) A statement that, according to the records of the holder, pro to which the addressee appears entitled and the amount or property.	
10 11 12		(2) The name, address, and contact information of the person he and any necessary information regarding changes of name holder.	
13 14		(3) A-The date the holder intends to submit the report required and a statement that, if satisfactory proof of claim is not	t presented by the
15 16 17 18		owner to the holder by the following October 1 or, if the holder company, by the following April 1, the within 30 days property will be placed in the custody of the Treasurer, to claims shall be directed.	of that date, then
19 20 21 22		(4) A statement that, once property is placed in the custody of interest, dividends, income, and gains earned on the propert the Treasurer, even if the owner subsequently reclaims the Treasurer.	y will remain with
23	<u>(d)</u>	With the written consent of the Treasurer, this section may be waiv	ved, in whole or in
24 25 26	-	good cause shown and upon conditions and terms that are prescribed SECTION 8.(b) This section is effective 30 days after this act beco o notices sent on or after that date.	
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28 29 20	PART E	X. EFFECTIVE DATESECTION 9. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective	when it becomes

30 law.