



Legislative Update #19-11 April 26, 2019

The House and Senate have been on break for the past week. The House reconvened on Thursday and the Senate will return to Raleigh for business on Monday, April 29th.

The next several weeks will be extremely busy with the House planning to roll out its 2019-2020 budget next week and crossover deadline coming the following week on May 9th.

Introduced Bills

HB 790 - Restore State Emp./Teacher Retiree Med Benefit- Restores retiree health care for all state employees hired after January 1, 2021 by repealing sections of Session Law 2017-57.

While current retirees and current employees are guaranteed retiree health care, the General Assembly eliminated retiree health care for new employees hired after January 1, 2021. In the long run this will impact state government's ability to recruit and retain quality employees. H 790 will reinstate retiree health care for all qualifying state employees.

HB 876 - 1% COLA/Bonus/TSERS/Funds - Provides a 1% increase of the retirement allowance from and after July 1, 2019. The bill also provides a one-time cost of living supplement payment of 1% to be made on or before October 1, 2019.

This bill is a bipartisan bill sponsored by Rep. Blackwell, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Hardister and Rep. Hurley. The bill provides a 1% COLA for state retirees and a 1% bonus. This is a reasonable approach that is supported by both republicans and democrats in the house. Please contact your Representative and ask them to support this legislation.

We will keep you updated on all legislative action taken on these bills. The NCRGEA legislative team continues to meet with members of the General Assembly advocating for your retiree benefits, pension reform and for your much needed COLA.

Stay Tuned!!

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