

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

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**HOUSE BILL 147**

Short Title:   Restore State Emp/Teacher Retiree Med Benefit. (Public)

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Sponsors:   Representatives von Haefen, Ball, Lucas, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to:   Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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February 25, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OF RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR  
3 MEMBERS FIRST EARNING SERVICE UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE  
4 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL  
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE  
6 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, ESTABLISHED UNDER G.S. 135-5.1 AND  
7 G.S. 135-5.4, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.

8           Whereas, North Carolina's student population is growing by an estimated 20,000  
9 students a year; and

10           Whereas, North Carolina will need to continue to recruit and hire teachers to meet the  
11 needs of our growing student population; and

12           Whereas, North Carolina must offer competitive benefits and salaries to teachers in  
13 order to recruit, hire, and retain teachers within the State; and

14           Whereas, State retirement benefits have proven both to be attractive to job seekers  
15 and to increase hiring competition between the State and private sector employers; and

16           Whereas, subsections (c) and (d) of Section 35.21 of S.L. 2017-57 eliminated the  
17 retiree medical benefit for teachers and State employees first earning contributory service in the  
18 retirement system after January 1, 2021; Now, therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20           **SECTION 1.** Subsections (c) and (d) of Section 35.21 of S.L. 2017-57 are repealed.

21           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective retroactively to December 31, 2020.

