



HOUSE BILL 115: Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2017.

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reflects the
contents of the bill
as it was presented
in committee.**

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Committee:	Senate Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 20, 2017
Introduced by:	Reps. Dulin, Ross, McNeill	Prepared by:	Tawanda N. Foster Committee Counsel
Analysis of:	First Edition		

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 115 makes technical and conforming changes to the laws governing the Teacher's and State Employees Retirement System (TSERS), the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), and other related statutes.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Sections 1(a) revises in TSERS and **Section 1(b)** revises in LGERS the definition of "average final compensation" to clarify a payout of vacation leave is only included if the payout is received by the member during the four calendar years of membership service producing the highest average annual compensation of the member.

Sections 2(a) clarifies in TSERS and **Section 2(b)** clarifies in LGERS that members on educational leave for programs where they receive a stipend are eligible to purchase their creditable service.

Section 3 adds a new subsection to specify the Committee on Actuarial Valuation of Retired Employees' Health Benefits by selecting the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) valuation criteria is formally adopting a funding policy.

Section 4 clarifies that state agencies are to confirm whether or not a contract counter party is on the Iran Divestment List, instead of requiring signed certification from the counter party. Also, specifically allows that if a state agency and the same person enter into multiple contracts or multiple contract renewals, or assumptions within 180 days of the certification, a new certification is not needed.

Section 5 adds a new subsection to clarify the ABLE Board of Trustees may enter into a contracting relationship with another state to provide the NC ABLE program.

Section 6 makes a conforming change to add the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina to the list of funds invested by the State Treasurer.

Section 7 repeals Section 2 of S.L. 2015-68, which amended G.S. 116B-70 pertaining to unclaimed property. This change restores the statute back to the prior form.

Section 8 repeals outdated requirement the State Treasurer make rules by December 31, 2016 related to investment programs reporting.

Section 9 provides a severability clause.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill is effective when it becomes law.

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