



# HOUSE BILL 340: Special Separation Allowance Firefighters/RSW.

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

2017-2018 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Pensions and Retirement. If favorable, re-refer to State and Local Government II	<b>Date:</b>	March 28, 2017
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Dollar, Malone, Saine, Clampitt	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Tawanda N. Foster Committee Counsel
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**OVERVIEW:** *The PCS for House Bill 340 creates a special separation allowance for state and local firefighters and rescue squad workers. The PCS adds state and local rescue squad workers; the original bill only included state and local firefighters.*

### BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 adds a new Article 12I to Chapter 143 of the General Statutes to provide the following:

- Definitions for "creditable service", "firefighter", and "rescue squad worker" to apply in this Article.
- A firefighter or rescue squad worker who qualifies under this section will receive an annual separation allowance of 0.85% of the annual base rate of compensation most recently applicable for each year of creditable service.
- To qualify for this allowance the eligible firefighter or worker must have 1) completed 30 or more years of creditable service or have attained 60 years of age and completed 25 or more years of creditable service; 2) not attained 62 years of age; and 3) must have completed at least 5 years of continuous service rendered on or after July 1, 2017.
- Payments would cease upon the earlier of any of the following: 1) death of the eligible firefighter or worker; 2) last day of the month in which the firefighter or worker attains 62 years of age; 3) first day of reemployment by any State department, agency, or institution, or by a local government employer, as applicable.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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