

## **SENATE BILL 743:**

The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II, Sec. 4F.1:

Extend Administrative Deadlines to Ensure Continuity and Availability of Retirement, Disability, and Death Benefits for Individuals Impacted by Hurricane Helene

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OVERVIEW: Section 4F.1 of S.L. 2024-53 extends certain deadlines for individuals who certify in writing to the Retirement Systems Division of the Department of State Treasurer that as of September 25, 2024, their primary residence was located in an "affected area" (as defined in Section 1.4 of this act) impacted by Hurricane Helene. The temporary deadline extensions are provided for benefit applications, to modify benefit elections, and to provide documentation for the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), and the Contributory Death Benefit (CDB).

This section of the act is retroactively effective to September 25, 2024. The provisions relating to long-term disability benefits under DIPNC expire October 31, 2025; the remaining provisions expire when the statewide declaration of emergency issued by the Governor in Executive Order No. 315, concurred to by the Council of State and as extended pursuant to S.L. 2024-51 and any other enactment of a general law, expires.

