



# HOUSE BILL 50: LEO Special Separation Allowance Options.

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**OVERVIEW:** *The proposed committee substitute (PCS) for House Bill 50 would establish an alternative special separation allowance for State and local law enforcement officers who complete at least 30 years of creditable service. The PCS also makes technical and clarifying changes.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Special separation allowances are provided for a law enforcement officer (LEO) employed by a State department, agency, or institution under G.S. 143-166.41, and for those employed by a local government employer under G.S. 143-166.42.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS would do the following:

**Section 1** would establish an alternative separation allowance for every sworn LEO employed by a State department, agency, or institution. A LEO may choose to receive the special separation allowance already provided in Article 12D of Chapter 143, or the alternative separation allowance beginning in the month the LEO retires. The alternative separation allowance would provide an annual separation allowance equal to 0.85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation at the time the LEO attained 30 years of service times 30. The allowance would be paid in equal installments on the payroll frequency used by the employer from which the LEO retired.

To qualify for the alternative special allowance the LEO must:

- Have completed at least 30 or more years of creditable service prior to attaining 62 years of age.
- Have completed at least 5 years of continuous service as a LEO immediately preceding a service retirement.

Payment of the alternative special separation allowance to a retired LEO will cease at the first of:

- The death of the LEO.
- The last day of the month after a period equivalent to 62 years minus the age at which the LEO first completes 30 years of creditable service. (Example: LEO first completes 30 years of creditable service at 52 years old, retires at 57 years old: 62-52=10 years.)
- The first day of reemployment by any State department, agency, or institution, except it does not apply to a LEO returning to State employment in a position exempt from the North Carolina Human Resources Act in any agency other than the agency from which the officer retired.

**Section 2** would establish the same alternative special separation allowance outlined above for a LEO employed by a local government employer.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The PCS would become effective July 1, 2025, and apply to a LEO retiring on or after that date.

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