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SENATE DRS15282-LR-148 (5/18)

Short Title: State Employees/Teachers Pay Increases. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE TO STATE EMPLOYEES A LEGISLATIVE PAY INCREASE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM LIVING WAGE FOR STATE-FUNDED EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 30.13 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.13.(a) The salaries in effect June 30, 2003, of all permanent full-time State employees whose salaries are set in accordance with the State Personnel Act, and who are paid from the General Fund or the Highway Fund shall remain in effect for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year, and there shall be awarded a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part. Effective July 1, 2004, the salaries of all permanent full-time State employees whose salaries are set in accordance with the State Personnel Act and who are paid from the General Fund or the Highway Fund shall be increased by the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), unless otherwise provided by this act.

"SECTION 30.13.(b) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the compensation of permanent full-time State officials and persons in exempt positions that are recommended by the Governor or the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission and set by the General Assembly shall remain in effect, and there shall be awarded a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part. Effective July 1, 2004, the compensation of permanent full-time State officials and persons in exempt positions that are recommended by the Governor or the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission and set by the General Assembly shall be increased by

25 two thousand dollars (\$2,000), unless otherwise provided by this act.

"SECTION 30.13.(c) The For the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the salaries of all permanent part-time State employees shall remain in effect, and there shall be awarded a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part.

"SECTION 30.13.(d) The Director of the Budget may allocate out of special operating funds or from other sources of the employing agency, except tax revenues, sufficient funds for salaries in accordance with subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section including funds for the employer's retirement and social security contributions, for the permanent full-time and part-time employees of the agency, provided the employing agency elects to make available the necessary funds."

SECTION 2. Section 30.14 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.14.(a) Salaries and related benefits for positions that are funded partially from the General Fund or Highway Fund and partially from sources other than the General Fund or Highway Fund shall remain in effect and be paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund appropriation only to the extent of the proportionate part of the salaries paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund.

"SECTION 30.14.(a1) Effective July 1, 2004, salaries and related benefits for positions that are funded partially from the General Fund or Highway Fund and partially from sources other than the General Fund or Highway Fund shall be increased from the General Fund or Highway Fund appropriation only to the extent of the proportionate part of the salaries paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund.

"SECTION 30.14.(b) The salaries authorized under this act do not affect the status of eligibility for salary increments for which employees may be eligible unless otherwise required by this act.

"SECTION 30.14.(c) The compensation bonuses do not apply to persons separated from State service due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement, or whose last workday is prior to October 1, 2003. The salary increases provided by this Part are to be effective July 1, 2004, and do not apply to persons separated from State service due to resignation, dismissal, reduction-in-force, death, or retirement, whose last work day is prior to July 1, 2004. This subsection shall apply to all employees, subject to or exempt from the State Personnel Act, paid from State funds, including public schools, community colleges, and The University of North Carolina.

"SECTION 30.14.(d) The Director of the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for Compensation Increases in this act for fiscal year 2003-2004 and fiscal year 2004-2005 all funds necessary for the compensation increases provided by this act, including funds for the employer's retirement and social security contributions.

"SECTION 30.14.(e) Nothing in this act authorizes the transfer of funds between the General Fund and the Highway Fund for salary increases.

"SECTION 30.14.(f) All permanent, full-time State-supported personnel shall be paid a minimum salary of eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) per year."

SECTION 3.(a) Section 30.1(a) of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 30.1.(a)** For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year, the salary of the Governor shall remain the amount set by G.S. 147-11(a)."

SECTION 3.(b) Effective July 1, 2004, G.S. 147-11(a) reads as rewritten:

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"(a) The salary of the Governor shall be one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred thirty dollars (\$118,430) one hundred twenty thousand four hundred thirty dollars (\$120,430) annually, payable monthly."

SECTION 3.(c) Section 30.1(b) of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 30.1.(b)** Effective July 1, 2003, July 1, 2004, the annual salaries for the members of the Council of State, payable monthly, for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal <u>years year</u> are:

8	Council of State	Annual Salary
9	Lieutenant Governor	\$ 104,523 <u>120,430</u>
10	Attorney General	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
11	Secretary of State	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
12	State Treasurer	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
13	State Auditor	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
14	Superintendent of Public Instruction	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
15	Agriculture Commissioner	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
16	Insurance Commissioner	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
17	Labor Commissioner	104,523 <u>106,523</u> "

SECTION 4. Section 30.2 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 30.2.** In accordance with G.S. 143B-9, the maximum annual salaries, payable monthly, for the nonelected heads of the principal State departments for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years year are:

22	Nonelected Department Heads	Annual Salary
23	Secretary of Administration	\$ 102,119 104,119
24	Secretary of Correction	102,119 104,119
25	Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety	102,119 104,119
26	Secretary of Cultural Resources	102,119 104,119
27	Secretary of Commerce	102,119 104,119
28	Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	102,119 104,119
29	Secretary of Health and Human Services	102,119 104,119
30	Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	102,119 104,119
31	Secretary of Revenue	102,119 104,119
32	Secretary of Transportation	102,119 104,119"

SECTION 5. Section 30.3 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 30.3.** The annual salaries, payable monthly, for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years year for the following executive branch officials are:

36	Executive Branch Officials	Annual Salary
37	Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission	\$92,946 \$94,946
38	State Controller	130,078 <u>132,078</u>
39	Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	92,946 94,946
40	Commissioner of Banks	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
41	Chairman, Employment Security Commission	129,913 131,913
42	State Personnel Director	102,119 <u>104,119</u>
43	Chairman, Parole Commission	84,871 <u>86,871</u>
44	Members of the Parole Commission	78,356 80,356

1	Cha	nirman, Utilities Commission	116,405 118,405
2	Me	mbers of the Utilities Commission	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
3	Exe	ecutive Director, Agency for Public Telecommunications	78,356 80,356
4	Dir	ector, Museum of Art	95,240 97,240
5	Exe	ecutive Director, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency	115,031 117,031
6	Exe	ecutive Director, North Carolina Agricultural Finance	
7	Aut	hority	90,470 92,470
8	Stat	te Chief Information Officer	130,000 <u>132,000</u> "
9		SECTION 6. Section 30.4 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewr	ritten:

"SECTION 30.4.(a) The annual salaries, payable monthly, for specified judicial branch officials for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years year are:

12	Judicial Branch Officials	Annual Salary
13	Chief Justice, Supreme Court	\$118,430 <u>\$120,430</u>
14	Associate Justice, Supreme Court	115,336 117,336
15	Chief Judge, Court of Appeals	112,452 114,452
16	Judge, Court of Appeals	110,530 112,530
17	Judge, Senior Regular Resident Superior Court	107,527 <u>109,527</u>
18	Judge, Superior Court	104,523 <u>106,523</u>
19	Chief Judge, District Court	94,912 96,912
20	Judge, District Court	91,909 <u>93,909</u>
21	Administrative Officer of the Courts	107,527 <u>109,527</u>
22	Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts	98.216 100.216

"SECTION 30.4.(b) The district attorney or public defender of a judicial district, with the approval of the Administrative Officer of the Courts or the Commission on Indigent Defense Services, respectively, shall set the salaries of assistant district attorneys or assistant public defenders, respectively, in that district such that the average salaries of assistant district attorneys or assistant public defenders in that district do not exceed sixty thousand one hundred ninety one dollars (\$60,191), sixty-two thousand one hundred ninety-one dollars (\$62,191), and the minimum salary of any assistant district attorney or assistant public defender is at least thirty one thousand thirty five dollars (\$31,035), thirty-three thousand thirty-five dollars (\$33,035) effective July 1, 2003.July 1, 2004.

"SECTION 30.4.(c) Permanent, full-time employees of the Judicial Department, whose salaries are not itemized in this Part, shall be awarded a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part."

SECTION 7.(a) Section 30.5 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.5. For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year the compensation of clerks of superior court shall remain as set forth in G.S. 7A-101(a)."

SECTION 7.(b) Effective July 1, 2004, G.S. 7A-101(a) reads as rewritten:

The clerk of superior court is a full-time employee of the State and shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments, based on the population of the county as determined in subsection (a1) of this section, according to the following schedule:

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1	Less than 100,000	\$69,911 \$71,911
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3	150,000 to 249,999	86,994 <u>88,994</u>
4	250,000 and above	95,537. 97,537.

The salary schedule in this subsection is intended to represent the following approximate percentage of the salary of a chief district court judge:

7	Population	Annual Salary
8	Less than 100,000	73%
9	100,000 to 149,999	82%
10	150,000 to 249,999	91%
11	250,000 and above	100%.

When a county changes from one population group to another, the salary of the clerk shall be changed, on July 1 of the fiscal year for which the change is reported, to the salary appropriate for the new population group, except that the salary of an incumbent clerk shall not be decreased by any change in population group during his continuance in office."

SECTION 8.(a) Section 30.6 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.6. For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year, the compensation of assistant and deputy clerks of superior court shall remain as set forth in G.S. 7A-102(c1), except that there shall be awarded to each clerk not receiving a statutory step increase a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part."

SECTION 8.(b) Effective July 1, 2004, G.S. 7A-102(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) A full-time assistant clerk or a full-time deputy clerk, and up to one full-time deputy clerk serving as head bookkeeper per county, shall be paid an annual salary subject to the following minimum and maximum rates:

28	Assistant Clerks and Head Bookkeeper	Annual Salary
29	Minimum	\$26,515 <u>\$28,515</u>
30	Maximum	46,464 <u>48,464</u>
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32	Deputy Clerks	Annual Salary
33	Minimum	\$22,565 <u>\$24,565</u>
34	Maximum	35,934 <u>37,934.</u> "

 SECTION 9.(a) Section 30.7 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.7. For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year, the compensation of magistrates shall remain as set forth in G.S. 7A-171.1, except that there shall be awarded to each magistrate not receiving a statutory step increase a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part."

SECTION 9.(b) Effective July 1, 2004, G.S. 7A-171.1(a) reads as rewritten: "§ 7A-171.1. Duty hours, salary, and travel expenses within county.

- 1 (a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief 2 district judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for 3 each magistrate. 4 (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the
 - (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office. The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6.

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Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates

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Step Level	Annual Salary
Entry Rate	\$26,889 <u>\$28,889</u>
Step 1	29,525 <u>31,525</u>
Step 2	32,393 <u>34,393</u>
Step 3	35,523 <u>37,523</u>
Step 4	38,952 <u>40,952</u>
Step 5	42,721 <u>44,721</u>
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- (2) A part-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of less than 40 hours of work a week during the term, except that no magistrate shall be assigned an average of less than 10 hours of work a week during the term. A part-time magistrate is included, in accordance with G.S. 7A-170, under the provisions of G.S. 135-1(10) and G.S. 135-40.2(a). The Administrative Officer of the Courts designates whether a magistrate is a part-time magistrate. A part-time magistrate shall receive an annual salary based on the following formula: The average number of hours a week that a part-time magistrate is assigned work during the term shall be multiplied by the annual salary payable to a full-time magistrate who has the same number of years of service prior to the beginning of that term as does the part-time magistrate and the product of that multiplication shall be divided by the number 40. The quotient shall be the annual salary payable to that part-time magistrate.
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43 44 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, an individual who, when initially appointed as a full-time magistrate, is licensed to practice law in North Carolina, shall receive the annual salary provided in the Table in subdivision (1) of this subsection for Step 4. This

magistrate's salary shall increase to the next step every four years on 1 2 the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed. An 3 individual who, when initially appointed as a part-time magistrate, is licensed to practice law in North Carolina, shall be paid an annual 4 5 salary based on that for Step 4 and determined according to the 6 formula in subdivision (2) of this subsection. This magistrate's salary 7 shall increase to the next step every four years on the anniversary of 8 the date the magistrate was originally appointed. The salary of a 9 full-time magistrate who acquires a license to practice law in North 10 Carolina while holding the office of magistrate and who at the time of acquiring the license is receiving a salary at a level lower than Step 4 11 12 shall be adjusted to Step 4 and, thereafter, shall advance in accordance with the Table's schedule. The salary of a part-time magistrate who 13 14 acquires a license to practice law in North Carolina while holding the 15 office of magistrate and who at the time of acquiring the license is receiving an annual salary as determined by subdivision (2) of this 16 17 subsection based on a salary level lower than Step 4 shall be adjusted 18 to a salary based on Step 4 in the Table and, thereafter, shall advance 19 in accordance with the provision in subdivision (2) of this subsection. 20 Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the following salary provisions 21 apply to individuals who were serving as magistrates on June 30, 1994: The salaries of magistrates who on June 30, 1994, were paid at a salary 22 (1) level of less than five years of service under the table in effect that date 23 shall be as follows: 24 25 26 Less than 1 year of service \$21,325\$23,325 27 1 or more but less than 3 years of service 3 or more but less than 5 years of service 28 29 30 Upon completion of five years of service, those magistrates shall receive the salary set as the Entry Rate in the table in subsection (a). 31 32 The salaries of magistrates who on June 30, 1994, were paid at a salary (2) 33 level of five or more years of service shall be based on the rates set out in subsection (a) as follows: 34 35 Salary Level Salary Level on July 1, 1994 on June 30, 1994 36 5 or more but less than 7 years of service Entry Rate 37 7 or more but less than 9 years of service Step 1 38 39 9 or more but less than 11 years of service Step 2

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Thereafter, their salaries shall be set in accordance with the provisions in subsection (a).

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- (3) The salaries of magistrates who are licensed to practice law in North Carolina shall be adjusted to the annual salary provided in the table in subsection (a) as Step 4, and, thereafter, their salaries shall be set in accordance with the provisions in subsection (a).
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- The salaries of "part-time magistrates" shall be set under the formula (4) set out in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) but according to the rates set out in this subsection.
- The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall provide magistrates with
 - longevity pay at the same rates as are provided by the State to its employees subject to the State Personnel Act. Notwithstanding G.S. 138-6, a magistrate may not be reimbursed by the State
 - for travel expenses incurred on official business within the county in which the magistrate resides."

SECTION 10.(a) Section 30.8 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 30.8.** For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year, the compensation of General Assembly principal clerks shall remain as set forth in G.S. 120-37, except that there shall be awarded a compensation bonus for the 2003-2004 fiscal year as authorized in this Part.

SECTION 10.(b) Effective July 1, 2004, G.S. 120-37(c) reads as rewritten:

The principal clerks shall be full-time officers. Each principal clerk shall be ''(c)entitled to other benefits available to permanent legislative employees and shall be paid an annual salary of eighty-eight thousand three hundred six dollars (\$88,306) ninety-two thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars (\$92,721) payable monthly. The Legislative Services Commission shall review the salary of the principal clerks prior to submission of the proposed operating budget of the General Assembly to the Governor and Advisory Budget Commission and shall make appropriate recommendations for changes in those salaries. Any changes enacted by the General Assembly shall be by amendment to this paragraph."

SECTION 11.(a) Section 30.9 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 30.9.** For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 fiscal years, fiscal year, the compensation of General Assembly sergeant-at-arms and reading clerks shall remain as set forth in G.S. 120-37."

SECTION 11.(b) Effective July 1, 2004, G.S. 120-37(b) reads as rewritten:

The sergeant-at-arms and the reading clerk in each house shall be paid a salary of two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$292.00) three hundred seven dollars (\$307.00) per week plus subsistence at the same daily rate provided for members of the General Assembly, plus mileage at the rate provided for members of the General Assembly for one round trip only from their homes to Raleigh and return. The sergeants-at-arms shall serve during sessions of the General Assembly and at such time prior to the convening of, and subsequent to adjournment or recess of, sessions as may be authorized by the Legislative Services Commission. The reading clerks shall serve during sessions only."

SECTION 12. Effective July 1, 2004, the Legislative Services Officer shall increase the salaries of nonelected employees of the General Assembly in effect for

fiscal year 2003-2004 by two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Nothing in this act limits any of the provisions of G.S. 120-32.

SECTION 13. The Director of the Budget shall transfer to the North Carolina Community College System Office from the Reserve for Compensation Increase, created in this act for fiscal year 2004-2005 funds, necessary to provide an annual salary increase of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), including funds for the employer's retirement and social security contributions, commencing July 1, 2004, for all permanent full-time community college institutional personnel supported by State funds.

SECTION 14. The Director of the Budget shall transfer to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina sufficient funds from the Reserve for Compensation Increase, created in this act for fiscal year 2004-2005, to provide an annual salary increase of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), including funds for the employer's retirement and social security contributions, commencing July 1, 2004, for all employees of The University of North Carolina, as well as employees other than teachers of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, supported by State funds and whose salaries are exempt from the State Personnel Act (EPA).

SECTION 15.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increase the sum of one hundred seventy-one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$171,200,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to implement the legislative pay increases authorized by this act for public school personnel and State employees.

SECTION 15.(b) There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increase the sum of twenty-three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$23,900,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to implement legislative pay increases authorized by this act.

SECTION 16. This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.