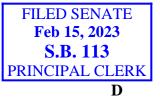
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023



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SENATE BILL DRS15051-NJp-24

Short Title:	Bring Back Our Heroes.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Britt, Perry, and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

 AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE RETIR BENEFITS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO SERVICE. 	EMENT	
3 BENEFITS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO SERVICE.		
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
5 SECTION 1. G.S. 128-24 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:		
6 "(5b) Notwithstanding sub-subdivisions c. and d. of subdivision (5) of this	section	
7 to the contrary, a beneficiary who retires on an early or service retire	ment as	
8 <u>a law enforcement officer, or as a justice officer as defined in G.S</u>	<u>. 17E-2,</u>	
9 <u>shall continue to be paid their retirement allowance without restriction</u>	n even if	
10 the beneficiary is subsequently employed as a law enforcement of	ficer or	
11 justice officer as long as the employment follows a break in service of	not less	
12 than one month and the employer pays into this Retirement System and	amount	
13 equal to both the members' and employers' contributions required by	law for	
14 the duration of the employment. Service by a beneficiary un	der this	
15 <u>subdivision shall not count as membership service or increase the bene</u>	ficiary's	
16 retirement benefits under this Retirement System."		
17 SECTION 2. G.S. 135-3 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:		
18 "(8b) Notwithstanding sub-subdivisions c. and d. of subdivision (8) of this		
19 to the contrary, a beneficiary who retires on an early or service retire		
20 <u>a law enforcement officer shall continue to be paid their retirement al</u>		
21 without restriction even if the beneficiary is subsequently employed		
22 <u>enforcement officer, as long as the employment follows a break in se</u>		
23 not less than six months and the employer pays into this Retirement		
24 <u>an amount equal to both the members' and employers' contributions</u>		
25 by law for the duration of the employment. Service by a beneficiary up	nder this	
26 <u>subdivision shall not count as membership service or increase the bene</u>	ficiary's	
27 retirement benefits under this Retirement System."		
28 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.		

