



# Legislative Recap

May 11, 2018

## House and Senate Concur on HB1756-FN-A

One step forward for NH retirees this week! The Senate and House concurred on an amended version of [HB1756: Relative to an additional allowance and a cost of living adjustment for retirees from the state retirement system](#), which will provide a one-time payment of \$500 for certain retirees in 2019.

While this is only ONE small step forward, it is still forward movement and the first COLA/additional allowance for retirees in 8 years. The Coalition will continue to fight for ALL retirees who have ALL been without a COLA for far too long.

**To qualify to receive this one-time payment you will have to be a retiree, have 20 years of service, retired for 5 years, and your benefit is \$30,000 or less.**

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## One Committee of Conference

Over the next two weeks the Senate and House will be meeting in Committees of Conferences for bills they could not come to agreement on. The Coalition will be tracking one Committee of Conference on [HB561: Relative to part-time employment of a retirement system retiree by a participating employer](#).

- Members of the Committee include: Senator Carson, Senator Bradley, Senator Soucy, Rep. McGuire, Rep. Sytek, Rep. Goley, Rep. Proulx
- Committee of Conference reports are due May 17th and the Senate and House will have until May 24th to vote on the outcome of the Committee.

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## Interim Study

There were several bills that were sent to Interim Study from the 2017 legislative session. We will be keeping a close eye on when/if these are scheduled between now and the fall months.

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## Other Bills

Below you will find a list of all other bills tracked by the Coalition and their final status. A few to note: this year, the Coalition was able to defeat a Defined Contribution bill that would have converted the retirement system to a 401(k) plan for all new hires. And while we were not successful on moving the 10% reduction for group I members to meet social security age or get an employee representative on the Independent Investment Committee we made more progress this session than we have in recent history. We plan to continue this forward movement through the fall months and into the 2019 legislative session.

**Retirement is a crucial legislative issue and our mission is to make sure ALL Representatives and Senators understand the importance of retirement and remind them of of the 78,000+ active and retired teachers, fire fighters, police officers, and state and municipal employees who show up every day, fulfill their end of the bargain and who dedicate their lives to this great state.**

## Passed Bills

[SB324: Allowing an optional retirement system allowance to include a subsequent remarriage of a divorced retiree.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[SB458: Authorizing the purchase of retirement system creditable service by a certain surviving spouse.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[SB538: Including police officers of the capital area police unit in group II of the retirement system.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[HB1805: Establishing a committee to study level dollar amortization of retirement system unfunded accrued liability.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[HB1823: Relative to layered amortization of retirement system liabilities.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

## Defeated Bills

[CACR20: Relating to the retirement age of judges. Providing that the retirement age of judges be increased](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[SB532: relative to group II status of certain department of corrections officials.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[SB543: Relative to health care premium payments for certain retired state workers.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[HB1427: Relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement system annuities at age 65.](#)

- Coalition Position = **SUPPORT**

[HB1603: Relative to employee representation on the independent investment committee in the New Hampshire retirement system.](#)

- Coalition Position = **SUPPORT**

[HB1729: Allowing the state retiree medical benefits subsidy to be used for alternative group insurance plans.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[HB1748: Relative to status for part-time retired judges.](#)

- Coalition Position = **MONITOR**

[HB1754-FN: Establishing a state defined contribution retirement plan for state and political subdivision members of the retirement system.](#)

- Coalition Position = **DEFEAT**
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The NH Retirement Security Coalition is made up of the following employee organizations:

- American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93
- American Federation of Teachers – New Hampshire
- National Education Association - New Hampshire
- New Hampshire American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- New Hampshire Police Association
- New England Police Benevolent Association
- New Hampshire Retired Educators Association
- New Hampshire School Administrators Association
- New Hampshire Higher Education Union – a division of IBEW Local 2320
- New Hampshire Troopers Association
- Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire
- State Employees Association of New Hampshire - SEIU Local 1984
- Teamsters Local 633

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