



Legislative Recap

March 1, 2019

NH Passes COLA Bill

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, the NH House of Representatives passed HB616-FN on a division vote of 250-91!

We are grateful to the members of the House who stood with all retirees and recognized the well-deserved and long overdue need to bring some relief to the rising costs of healthcare and overall living costs. Retirees have not seen a COLA since 2010.

The bill will now go before the NH House Division I Finance Committee for further discussion.

Thank you to everyone who called, emailed and reached out to their legislators to let them know just how important this bill is to our retirees! We still have a lot of work to do, but we are grateful for this next step forward!

HB616-FN: [relative to a cost of living adjustment for retirees in the state retirement system](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Dianne Schuett, Howard Moffett, Phyllis Katsakiores, Mark Pearson, Sallie Fellows, Arthur Ellison
 - Coalition Position: **SUPPORT**
 - **ACTION: Passed House 250-91**
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This Week's Legislative Action

NH House Session

HB418-FN: [relative to the limitations on part-time employment under the New Hampshire retirement system.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) David Danielson
- Coalition Position: MONITOR
- Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass
- **ACTION: Passed NH House on consent calendar**

HB675-FN: [relative to the purchase of service credit in the state retirement system.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Kristina Schultz , Sharon Carson, John Sytek
- Coalition Position: MONITOR
- Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass
- **ACTION: Passed NH House on consent calendar**

HB720-FN: [relative to part time employment of retired community college system faculty.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Mel Myler , Christy Bartlett, David Luneau, Arthur Ellison
 - Coalition Position: MONITOR
 - **ACTION: Defeated by NH House**
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Next Week's Legislative Schedule

Division I Finance Work Session - Wednesday March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in LOB Rm 212

HB116-FN: [relative to the job classification of positions in the retirement system.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Carol McGuire , Peter Schmidt, Dianne Schuett, Steven Beaudoin
- Coalition Position: MONITOR

House Session - Thursday March 7, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

HB629-FN-LOCAL [establishing a state defined contribution retirement plan for state and political subdivision members of the retirement system](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Carol McGuire
 - Coalition Position: **DEFEAT**
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NHRSC Press and Media

- February 27, 2019 – [NH House Moves COLA Legislation Forward \(Press Release\)](#)
 - February 26, 2019 – [Retired police officers deserve a COLA \(LTE\)](#)
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Will You Share Your Story?

- The Coalition is looking for active and retired members to participate in our "Share Your Story" Campaign.
- We are looking for members willing to share their story on video to help educate legislators, political leaders, and the public on the importance of pension and security in retirement.
- All it means is sitting down with us for just a few minutes to share your story!
- Check out this wonderful story put together by our counterparts in Kentucky: [Lisa's Story](#)
- Please email us at info@nhretirementsecuritycoalition.com and let us know if you would be willing to share your story.

[A full list of the bills the Coalition is following can be found on our website.](#)

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 Educators Association - New Hampshire
- 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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