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**New Hampshire Retirement System Legislative Roundup**

*A status report on significant legislation affecting NHRS from the 2010 session*

Only a few of the nearly two dozen bills introduced in the 2010 legislative session affecting New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) statutory provisions (RSA 100-A) were enacted into law.

**2010 Legislation That Passed:**

**Special Session House Bill 1: COLA, TSA approved**

Special Session House Bill 1 provides cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) and temporary supplemental allowances (TSAs) for eligible retirees or beneficiaries. To view a detailed list of these adjustments, visit the NHRS website at: [http://www.nhrs.org/News/Files/COLA\\_Eligible\\_Retired\\_Members\\_063010.pdf](http://www.nhrs.org/News/Files/COLA_Eligible_Retired_Members_063010.pdf)

**Senate Bill 504: “Spiking” provision deferred**

Senate Bill 504 extends the effective date of the 2008 legislation creating the so-called “spiking” provision (125% assessment) from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011. A study commission continues to evaluate proposals for the assessment methodology. For more information on this issue, visit the NHRS website at: <http://www.nhrs.org/Employers/Notices.aspx>

**House Bill 1668: State health insurance for Group II members (RSA 21-I30)**

House Bill 1668 requires Group II (Police and Fire) members whose service with a state agency or department began on or after July 1, 2010, complete at least 20 years of creditable service with the state in order to qualify for post-retirement state health insurance coverage.

**2010 Legislation That Did Not Pass:**

A number of bills introduced in the 2010 legislative session affecting NHRS were not enacted into law. Among these bills were: House Bill 1664, which would have increased employee contribution rates in Fiscal Year 2011; House Bill 1530, which would have narrowed the definition of earnable compensation; House Bill 1277, which would have extended medical subsidy benefits for certain vested Group I (Employee and Teacher) members; and House Bill 1576, which would have repealed a provision allowing certain retirement system members to receive benefits while working at the same position from which they retired. (This bill was referred to interim study.)

To view the final disposition of all 2010 NHRS-related legislation, visit the NHRS website at <http://www.nhrs.org/News/LegUpdates.aspx>. To view the full text and fiscal notes of a bill, visit the State of New Hampshire General Court’s website at <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/>.

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