



2020 Legislative Tracker

September 17, 2020 – Final

Legislation introduced in the 2020 session that would impact the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS, the retirement system) is listed below. For details on a particular bill, visit the State of New Hampshire General Court website at: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/>

BILL #	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS
2020 NHRS-RELATED BILLS			
HB 1204	This bill excludes hours worked for emergency response and training by retired members working for municipal fire departments from the annual limitations on hours worked by NHRS retirees working for retirement system participating employers.	Rep. David Danielson	2/19/20: House on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
HB 1205	This bill links the recalculation of a Group I retiree's annuity to his or her full retirement age under the federal Social Security system.	Rep. Dianne Schuett	Bill was not acted on by House deadline. The bill is dead.
HB 1234	This bill contains a number of provisions unrelated to the retirement system. In regard to NHRS, this bill requires the quarterly report of the retirement system's Independent Investment Committee (IIC) to include a description of investment fees. The bill also requires IIC reports to be available on the retirement system's website. Note: The NHRS-related section of this bill was originally introduced as HB 1326 and subsequently amended into HB 1234.	Rep. Mary Jane Wallner	9/16/20: Governor's veto sustained. The bill is dead.
HB 1235	This bill establishes a committee to study "ensuring workforce maintenance" through enhancement of the retirement system. The bill also makes an appropriation for the purposes of the study.	Rep. Robert Renny Cushing	Bill was not acted on by House deadline. The bill is dead.
HB 1341	This bill changes the application of 2011 amendments to certain Group II retirement system provisions for Group II members who are in vested status prior to July 1, 2021.	Rep. Stephen Pearson	2/20/20: House, on a voice vote, tabled the bill. No further action is expected this session.
HB 1434	This bill repeals the requirements for retired state employees and judicial retirees who are Medicare-eligible to pay premium contributions for state retiree health benefits. (Note: Health benefits are administered by the Risk Management Unit of the Dept. of Administrative Services, not NHRS.)	Rep. Dianne Schuett	2/20/20: House, on a division vote of 182-161, tabled the bill. No further action is expected this session.
HB 1447	This bill revises the penalty for a retired member of the retirement system working part-time for a retirement system employer who exceeds the maximum hours during a calendar year. The revised penalty is a 23 percent deduction from the retiree's part-time compensation for the remainder of the year.	Rep. Max Abramson	3/5/20: House, on a division vote of 339-8, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
HB 1494	This bill eliminates the retirement system offset for workers' compensation benefits applicable to Group I accidental death benefit annuities. Note: This bill also contains a number of provisions unrelated to NHRS benefits.	Rep. Kristina Schultz	9/16/20: Governor's veto sustained. The bill is dead..

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HB 1550	This bill extends accidental death benefits for Group II members of the retirement system suffering from heart attacks.	Rep. Daryl Abbas	3/11/20: House on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
HB 1561	This bill allows county commissioners to exempt the county chief administrative officer from compulsory membership in the state retirement system at the time of initial hiring or appointment.	Rep. Brian Sullivan	6/16/20: Senate, on a voice vote, tabled the bill. No further action is expected this session.
HB 1634	This bill exempts members who had a part-time position with another employer concurrent with their full-time employment from the statutory 28-day waiting period on part-time employment with a participating employer following retirement.	Rep. Peter Petrigno	2/19/20: House on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
SB 543	This bill allows members with at least 10 years of Group II service hired for certain management positions with the state Department of Corrections to continue to be classified as Group II members.	Sen. John Reagan	Bill was not acted on by House deadline. The bill is dead.
SB 637	This bill amends NHRS statutory provisions regarding protection against fraud and error in its records.	Sen. Martha Hennessey	3/12/20: Senate on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
<p>Committee Key: ED&A = Executive Departments & Administration; Location Key: LOB = Legislative Office Building; SH = State House.</p>			