



## 2021 Legislative Tracker

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Legislation introduced in the 2021 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
<b>2021 NHRS-RELATED BILLS</b>			
HB 130	This bill clarifies how the state retiree insurance premium determined by the Department of Administrative Services is applied by NHRS for retirees and beneficiaries who are eligible for the medical subsidy.	Rep. Dianne Schuett	5/27/21: Senate on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). <b>The bill is dead..</b>
HB 141	As amended, this bill allows counties to exempt newly hired chief administrative officers from NHRS participation. The bill also requires all employers who exempt their chief administrative officer to pay NHRS the unfunded liability portion of the employer contribution rate on the salary of the chief administrative officer. (The liability payment is prospective and any pre-existing municipal exemptions are not affected.)	Rep. Steven Pearson	5/6/21: Senate, on a roll call vote, tabled the bill, 15-8. <b>No further action is expected this session.</b>
HB 173	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.	Rep. Dianne Schuett	<b>4/23/21: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 005, Laws of 2021. Effective 6/22/21.</b>
HB 274	This bill provides that the state shall pay five percent of local employer contributions for Group I teachers and Group II police and fire members.	Rep. Michael O'Brien	2/24/21: House voted inexpedient to legislate (ITL), 189-168, on a voice vote. <b>The bill is dead.</b>
HB 390	This bill extends the period for amortization of the retirement system unfunded liability as of June 30, 2017, by five years to 2044. The bill requires a recertification of fiscal year 2022 and 2023 employer contribution rates to account for the change.	Rep. Michael O'Brien	2/24/21: House on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). <b>The bill is dead.</b>
HB 497	This bill allows a school district to have its superintendent not be required to be a member of the retirement system and by contract to provide for an equivalent payment to such superintendent for contribution in private retirement accounts.	Rep. Patrick Long	2/24/21: House on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). <b>The bill is dead.</b>
HB 536	This bill eliminates the retirement system offset for workers' compensation benefits applicable to Group I accidental death benefit annuities. Note: This bill also establishes a death benefit, funded by the state, for a municipal or state public works employee killed in the line of duty.	Rep. Kristina Schultz	3/29/21: House Finance Committee voted to retain bill in committee. <b>No further action is expected this session.</b>

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HB 619	This bill designates police and fire dispatchers as Group II members of the retirement system.	Rep. Douglas Trottier	1/27/21: House ED&A Committee voted to retain bill in committee. <b>No further action is expected this session.</b>
SB 72	Relative to a state share of retirement system contributions by employers.	Sen. Cindy Rosenwald	3/25/21: Senate, on a roll call vote, tabled the bill, 24-0. <b>No further action is expected this session.</b>
SB 119	This bill allows the spouse of an active Group I or II member who was eligible for service retirement to receive the maximum retirement benefit the member would have been eligible for but for his or her death.	Sen. Kevin Cavanaugh	3/25/21: Senate, on a roll call vote, tabled the bill, 24-0. <b>No further action is expected this session.</b>
SB 153	This bill establishes a disability retirement benefit and a medical insurance benefit for a group II police or fire member who is violently injured in performance of duties.	Sen. Sharon Carson	3/18/21: Senate voted to re-refer bill to ED&A Committee, 23-1. <b>No further action is expected this session.</b>
<p>* - LSRs are proposals that have not yet been assigned a bill number  <b>Committee Key:</b> ED&amp;A = Executive Departments &amp; Administration;  <b>Location Key:</b> LOB = Legislative Office Building; SH = State House.</p>			