



2022 Legislative Tracker

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Legislation introduced in the 2022 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/> Note: No further action is expected on bills shaded in gray.

BILL #	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS
2022 NHRS-RELATED BILLS			
HB 1079	This bill increases the annual number of hours a retiree may work for a retirement system employer to 1,664 and eliminates the initial 28-day restriction on such part-time employment after retiring.	Rep. Douglas Trottier	3/15/22: House, on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
HB 1257	This bill requires the NHRS Independent Investment Committee to sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw from investments in securities of companies that have direct holdings in active business operations located in China.	Rep. Gary Hopper	3/10/22: House voted, 312-25, to accept committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
HB 1221	This bill, which originally dealt only with business taxes, was amended by the Senate to require the state to reimburse 7.5 percent of local employer contributions for Group I teachers and Group II police and fire members paid in fiscal year 2022. This bill also repeals RSA 100-A:16, II(c-1), a dormant section of the statute relative to employer contributions for fiscal year 2012.	Rep. Jeanine Notter	6/17/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 189, Laws of 2022. Effective 7/1/22.
HB 1318	This bill establishes an employer penalty for noncompliance with certain data reporting requirements necessary for the administration of the retirement system.	Rep. Dianne Schuett	6/17/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 191, Laws of 2022. Effective 7/1/22.
HB 1417	This bill provides that the state shall pay 7.5 percent of local employer contributions for Group I teachers and Group II police and fire members.	Rep. Renny Cushing	4/28/22: Senate voted, 14-10, to table the bill. The bill is dead.
HB 1497	This bill allows a member of the retirement system to elect a survivorship optional allowance upon joining the retirement system. The election will not be effective until the member attains eligibility for a monthly benefit. An active member may modify the election at any point in his or her career. The bill also modifies the time frame of the post-retirement grace period to change a survivor benefit optional retirement allowance.	Rep. Tom Lanzara	5/20/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 76, Laws of 2022. Effective 7/19/22.
HB 1535	As amended, this bill grants a one-time \$500 payment to retirees and beneficiaries retired prior to or on July 1, 2017, who have an annual pension benefit of \$30,000 or less.	Rep. Troy Merner	6/17/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 203, Laws of 2022. Effective 8/16/22.
HB 1549	This bill allows retired Group II police members to work special duty law enforcement details and not have the special duty hours count against the annual limit on part-time hours.	Rep. Tracy Emerick	3/1/022: House, on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.

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HB 1557	This bill changes the time frame of the post-retirement grace period to change a survivor benefit optional retirement allowance. (Note: The text of this bill was incorporated into HB 1497.)	Rep. Jeffrey Goley	2/16/22: House, on a voice vote, referred the bill to interim study. No further action is expected this session.
HB 1587	As amended, this bill modifies the calculation of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of pay under the definition of Average Final Compensation for Group II members hired prior to July 1, 2011, and who had not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012.	Rep. Kevin Pratt	6/15/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 184, Laws of 2022. Effective 8/14/22.
HB 1590	This bill establishes a procedure for political subdivision members of the retirement system to vote to withdraw from participation for its Group I employees hired after the effective date of the vote.	Rep. Lex Berezny	2/16/22: House voted inexpedient to legislate (ITL), 287-57. The bill is dead.
SB 363	This bill allows members who commenced Group II service between January 1, 2002 and June 30, 2011 to purchase nonqualified service time in order to reduce certain transition provision requirements for retirement.	Sen. Lou D'Allesandro	6/7/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 171, Laws of 2022. Effective 8/6/22.
SB 411	This bill establishes a new disability benefit for Group II members retired due to a violent injury.	Sen. Kevin Cavanaugh	3/17/22: Senate, on a voice vote, referred the bill to interim study. No further action is expected this session.
SB 434	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.	Sen. Kevin Cavanaugh	3/31/22: Senate voted, 13-11, to refer bill to interim study. No further action is expected this session.
Committee Key: ED&A = Executive Departments & Administration; Location Key: LOB = Legislative Office Building; SH = State House.			

RETAINED/RE-REFERRED 2021 BILLS			
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 and administered by the state, for a municipal or state public works employee killed in the line of duty.	Rep. Kristina Schultz	5/27/22: Signed into law by the Governor. Chapter 102, Laws of 2022. Effective 7/1/22.
HB 619	This bill designates police and fire dispatchers as Group II members of the retirement system.	Rep. Douglas Trottier	1/5/22: House, on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate (ITL). The bill is dead.
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	1/5/22: Senate, on a voice vote, accepted committee recommendation of refer to interim study. No further action is expected this session.