

2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UNDERWAY - CALL TO ACTION!

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LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION!

Please read the updates below and take action to contact your legislators on these legislative proposals impacting retired educators. Legislator Contact Information below.

Contact your legislators today to ask them to OPPOSE HB 1258.

HB 1258 would close the existing TFFR defined benefit retirement plan and create another retirement plan called a defined contribution plan for newly hired teachers after 6-30-12. The TFFR is funded by employer and employee contributions and investment return. If HB 1258 passes, employee and employer contributions for the new, defined contribution plan, will no longer be paid into the TFFR. This creates a \$450 million shortfall in the funding of TFFR and the possibility our existing retirement fund may not be able to pay retirement obligations in the future. In fact, if HB 1258 passes, it is almost certain there would be no possibility of any future annuity cost of living adjustments for retired educators.

Our existing defined benefit plan has been around for nearly 100 years. Proponents of HB 1258 want to close our plan to future teachers, seriously underfunding the TFFR, creating unnecessary financial risk to retirees, teachers, school districts and the state.

Talking points: HB 1258...

- Closes the current TFFR to new teachers hired after 6-30-12
- Creates a \$450 million shortfall in the funding of TFFR
- Increases the possibility TFFR may not have funds to pay annuity obligations in the future
- Makes the current retirement plan more costly to maintain
- Removes a retirement benefit for new teachers that has served ND educators for nearly 100 years

Contact your legislators today to ask them to SUPPORT HB 1134.

NDRTA supports HB 1134 as the responsible way to address the future of TFFR. HB 1134 proposes to increase contributions by employers and employees and makes modifications to retirement eligibility requirements for future retirees. The NDRTA supports HB 1134 as a reasonable, responsible and achievable means to maintain the current defined benefit plan and ensure the retirement fund meets its obligations to pay annuities well into the future.

Talking points: HB 1134...

- Maintains the current retirement plan (TFFR) that has served retired teachers for nearly 100 years
- Makes responsible modifications to TFFR to improve the funding level of the plan over the next 20-30 years
- Increases employer and employee contributions into TFFR to help the plan fund its long-term obligations
- Is less costly than HB 1258

Legislator Contact Information

or 1) **Mail a hand-written letter or postcard to each of your three legislators (2 Representatives and 1 Senator) – this method, though not used as often today, is very effective when coming from retired teachers:**

Legislative Council
Attn: Name of your Legislator
ND State Capitol
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

or 2) **Visit the web addresses below to find your legislators and send an email message:**

www.aptnnd.com/rta

or 3) **Call the Capitol and leave a message for your legislators:**

Phone: local 328-3373, outside of Bis/Man - 1-888-635-3447

Summary of HB 1134 and HB 1258

HB 1134: Funding Improvement- NDRTA Supports HB 1134

- Increase employee (teacher) contributions 4% over 2 bienniums
- Increase employer (school district) contributions 4% over 2 bienniums
- Require re-employed retirees to pay employee contribution rates
- Modify disability benefits
- Modify eligibility for unreduced retirement benefits and reduction factor for

HB 1258: Defined Contribution Plan- NDRTA Opposes HB 1258

- Creates a TFFR defined contribution plan for new hires after 6-30-12
- Closes existing TFFR defined benefit plan to new hires
- Allows current defined benefit participants to transfer to the DC plan
- Employee contribution rate: 7.75% of salary
- Employer contribution rate: 8.75% of salary