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**Retired
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**LEGISLATIVE
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This week the House and Senate worked at a ferocious pace to get bills through committee and to the floor for a vote, to meet the crossover deadline. For good measure the House also ran their budget through committee and passed their initial budget recommendation and sent it to the Senate.

Budget Woes

[H 966 - 2019 Appropriations Act](#) has been largely panned by retired and active state employees because the budget does not provide the appropriate funding to address loss of pension value for retirees and provides only a small salary increase (0.5%) for actives.

The House has left \$605,000,000 dollars of unallocated revenues on the table. The General Assembly must recognize the needs of state retirees and keep the promise of maintaining the value of retiree pensions by funding a COLA.

Next week the House and Senate will be focused on Crossover; however, we will continue to work Senate leaders on the need to support their state retirees in the Senate budget.

Legislators continue to be unwilling to address the LGERS (local government retirees) COLA needs with state dollars and cities and counties continue to oppose efforts to introduce legislation that provide a LGERS COLA. We will continue to encourage legislators and local governments to support you by enacting an LGERS COLA. All local government retirees are encouraged to talk with their local elected officials about the need for a COLA.

Please call your Senator and Representative to let them know there are no COLA or Bonus funds for state and teacher retirees in the House budget in calendar year 2019 (Fiscal Year 2019-2020).

To get the contact information for your member of the NC House of Representatives and the NC Senate, go to www.ncleg.net, click on **HOUSE** or **SENATE**, then click on **Member List** (for alphabetical list by last name), or click on **Representation by County**. You can get office phone numbers and email addresses.

Your NCRGEA legislative team is still working to get a COLA for our local government retirees.

Stay Tuned!!

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