



NCRGEA Legislative Update #19-35

Governor Vetoes Retiree Bonus

On November 8 the mini-budget giving state retirees a small, one-time bonus was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper who stated the bonus “shortchanged” our retiree community. HB 231 also provided pay increases for active university and community college employees. Along with retirees, university and community college employees, the Governor vetoed raises for teachers as well.

Hence, this veto has plenty of company, as Gov. Cooper has now vetoed more bills from the Republican legislature than any governor since the veto was enacted in 1996.

Many who work on the legislative landscape agree this year may be remembered as one of misfires and stalls ... a year where little of substance was achieved.

NC General Assembly Reconvened This Week

The Legislature returned this week to revise the Congressional District maps. A few other bills made it onto the floor including [H 200 2019 Storm Recovery Act](#). The Act allocates \$230 million to provide additional disaster recovery funds for communities recovering from the hurricanes that have hit North Carolina over the past three years.

One Last Perspective on the 2019 Legislative Long Session

In total 92% of the available revenue for the fiscal year 2019-2020 was allocated through mini budgets. What’s left? Enough to fight for another cost of living adjustment: \$2.3 billion. While there are other unmet financial obligations to address come January 2020, there are adequate funds available to provide retirees additional funds to offset the devaluing of your pension.

After this week the General Assembly recess for the remainder of the year. The Legislature will reconvene on January 14, 2020 and get back to the stalemate that is holding up the implementation of the full budget.

Stay Tuned!!