



CHAPTER 120
ARTICLE 1A - LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

N.C.G.S. § 120-4.29.

Exemption from garnishment, attachment.

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Except for the applications of the provisions of G. S. 110-136, and in connection with a court-ordered equitable distribution under G.S. 50-20, the right of a person to a pension, annuity, or retirement allowance, to the return of contributions, or to the receipt of the pension, annuity or retirement allowance itself, any optional benefit or any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Article, and the moneys in the various funds created by this Article, are exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, and shall be unassignable except as this Article specifically provides. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, any overpayment of benefits or erroneous payments to a member in a State-administered retirement system, the Disability Salary Continuation Plan, or the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina, including any benefits paid to, or State Health Plan premiums or claims paid on behalf of, any member who is later determined to have been ineligible for those benefits or unentitled to those amounts, may be offset against any retirement allowance, return of contributions, or any other right accruing under this Article to the same person, the person's estate, or designated beneficiary.

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APPARATUS I
6 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1983	c. 761, s. 238	ENACTED
02	1985	c. 402	AMENDED
03	1985	c. 649, s. 5	AMENDED
04	1989	c. 792, s. 2.2	AMENDED
05	1991	c. 636, s. 13	AMENDED
06	2017	S.L. 2017-135, s. 9(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 50-20		"with a court-ordered equitable distribution under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 120-4.29 (2017).

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