CHAPTER 135
ARTICLE 1 - RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES

N.C.G.S. § 135-18.10A.

Forfeiture of retirement benefits for certain felonies related to employment or holding office.

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§ 135-18.10A(a) Except as provided in G.S. 135-4(ii), the Board of Trustees shall not pay any retirement benefits or allowances, except for a return of member contributions plus interest, to any member who is convicted of any felony under federal law or the laws of this State if all of the following apply:

(1) The offense is committed while the member is in service.

(2) The conduct resulting in the member's conviction is directly related to the member's office or employment.

§ 135-18.10A(b) Repealed by Session Laws 2020-48, s. 4.3(a), effective June 26, 2020.

§ 135-18.10A(c) If a member or former member whose benefits under the Retirement System were forfeited under this section, except for the return of member contributions plus interest, subsequently receives an unconditional pardon of innocence, or the conviction is vacated or set aside for any reason, then the member or former member may seek a reversal of the benefit forfeiture by presenting sufficient evidence to the Board of Trustees. If the Board of Trustees determines a reversal of the benefit forfeiture is appropriate, then all benefits will be restored upon repayment of all accumulated contributions plus interest. Repayment of all accumulated contributions that have been received by the individual under the forfeiture provisions of this section must be made in a total lump-sum payment with interest compounded annually at a

rate of six and one-half percent (6.5%) for each calendar year from the year of forfeiture to the year of repayment. An individual receiving a reversal of benefit forfeiture must receive reinstatement of the service credit forfeited. (2012-193, s. 1; 2020-48, s. 4.3(a); 2025-19, s. 2.1(a).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 135-4(ii)	(a)	*"Except as provided in"*

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