

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 239 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, TOPPER, GROVE, GINGRICH, MURT, WHEELAND, A. HARRIS, EVERETT, KAUFFMAN, PYLE, GOODMAN, HELM, DIAMOND, ZIMMERMAN, HICKERNELL, MOUL, PHILLIPS-HILL, NESBIT AND RADER, JANUARY 28, 2015

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 1, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), entitled
2 "An act providing for the creation, maintenance and operation
3 of a county employes' retirement system, and imposing certain
4 charges on counties and providing penalties," further
5 providing for DEFINITIONS AND FOR supplemental benefits. <--

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. ~~Section 30(b) of the act of August 31, 1971~~ <--
9 ~~(P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, amended July~~
10 ~~18, 1986 (P.L.1410, No.126), is amended to read:~~

11 SECTION 1. SECTION 2 OF THE ACT OF AUGUST 31, 1971 (P.L.398, <--
12 NO.96), KNOWN AS THE COUNTY PENSION LAW, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
13 DEFINITION TO READ:

14 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS ACT:

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16 (5.1) "COST-OF-LIVING INDEX" MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
17 FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA, NEW
18 JERSEY, DELAWARE AND MARYLAND AREA.

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2 SECTION 2. SECTION 30(B) OF THE ACT, AMENDED JULY 18, 1986
3 (P.L.1410, NO.126), IS AMENDED TO READ:

4 Section 30. Supplemental Benefits.--* * *

5 (b) ~~(1)~~ The cost-of-living increase shall be reviewed at <--
6 least once in every three years by the board which may adjust
7 the CURRENT MONTHLY BENEFIT BY THE percentages in accordance <--
8 with cost-of-living index at the time of review[.], PROVIDED <--
9 THAT THE ADJUSTMENT NEED NOT BE CALCULATED RETROACTIVELY TO THE
10 DATE OF THE PREVIOUS COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE APPROVED BY THE
11 BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION AND NEED NOT APPLY THE COST-OF-LIVING
12 INDEX CHANGE FOR EACH YEAR SINCE THE PREVIOUS COST-OF-LIVING
13 INCREASE.

14 ~~(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require~~<--
15 ~~the county commissioners or, in counties operating under a home~~
16 ~~rule charter or optional plan, the governing authority to adjust~~
17 ~~the percentages retroactively to the date of the previous cost~~
18 ~~of living increase under this section.~~

19 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--