

**Senate Bill No. 15**

(By Senator Foster)

[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the Committee on Pensions; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-10-22k; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-7A-26v, all relating to the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System; and providing for a one-time bonus of \$600 for certain annuitants.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-10-22k; and that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-7A-26v, all to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 5. GENERAL POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR,  
SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; BOARD  
OF PUBLIC WORKS; MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS,**

1                                   **OFFICES, PROGRAMS, ETC.**

2 **ARTICLE 10. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT.**

3 **§5-10-22k. One-time bonus payment for certain annuitants effective**  
4                                   **July 1, 2011.**

5           (a) As an additional bonus payment to other retirement  
6 allowances provided, a one-time bonus payment to retirement  
7 benefits shall be paid to retirants of the system as provided in  
8 subsection (b) of this section. The one-time bonus payment shall  
9 equal \$600 and shall be paid on July 23, 2011.

10          (b) The one-time bonus payment provided by this section  
11 applies to any retirant with at least twenty years of credited  
12 service who currently receives an annual retirement annuity of not  
13 more than \$7,200. This bonus payment is subject to any applicable  
14 limitations under section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
15 as amended.

16          (c) The one-time bonus payment provided by this section shall  
17 be payable pro rata to any beneficiaries of a qualifying retirant  
18 who currently receive an annuity or other benefit payable by the  
19 system.

20                                   **CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION.**

21 **ARTICLE 7A. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

22 **§18-7A-26v. One-time bonus payment for certain annuitants**  
23                                   **effective July 1, 2011.**

1           (a) As an additional bonus payment to other retirement  
2 allowances provided, a one-time bonus payment to retirement  
3 benefits shall be paid to retirants of the retirement system as  
4 provided in subsection (b) of this section. The one-time bonus  
5 payment shall equal \$600 and shall be paid on July 23, 2011.

6           (b) The one-time bonus payment provided in this section  
7 applies to any retirant with at least twenty years of service as a  
8 contributing member who currently receives an annual retirement  
9 annuity of not more than \$7,200. This one-time bonus payment is  
10 subject to any applicable limitations under section 415 of the  
11 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

12           (c) The one-time bonus payment provided by this section shall  
13 be payable pro rata to any beneficiaries of a qualifying retirant  
14 who currently receive an annuity or other benefit payable by the  
15 retirement system.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide retirees from the Public Employees Retirement System and the state Teachers Retirement System who have at least twenty years service and whose annual annuity is not more than \$7,200 to receive a one-time bonus of \$600 for certain annuitants.

These sections are new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.