

By Senator Gruters

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to cost-of-living adjustment for  
3       Special Risk Class retirees; amending s. 121.101,  
4       F.S.; revising the manner of calculating the cost-of-  
5       living factor for Special Risk Class retirees, and  
6       their beneficiaries, who meet certain criteria;  
7       providing a declaration of important state interest;  
8       providing an effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
13   121.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           121.101 Cost-of-living adjustment of benefits.—

15           (4) For members whose effective retirement date is on or  
16   after July 1, 2011, the benefit of each retiree and annuitant  
17   shall be adjusted annually on July 1 as follows:

18           (c) The department shall calculate a cost-of-living factor  
19   for each retiree and beneficiary retiring on or after July 1,  
20   2011. This factor shall equal the product of 3 percent  
21   multiplied by the quotient of the sum of the member's service  
22   credit earned for service before July 1, 2011, divided by the  
23   sum of the member's total service credit earned. However,  
24   beginning July 1, 2020, the cost-of-living factor for each  
25   retiree, and the beneficiary of such a retiree, who was a member  
26   of the Special Risk Class on June 30, 2011, is a member of the  
27   Special Risk Class on the effective date of retirement, who  
28   retires on or after July 1, 2011, and has earned service credit  
29   before July 1, 2011, shall equal the product of 3 percent

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30 multiplied by the quotient of the sum of the member's service  
31 credit earned for service before July 1, 2011, divided by the  
32 sum of the member's total service credit earned as of June 30,  
33 2020.

34 Section 2. The Legislature finds that a proper and  
35 legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees  
36 of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents,  
37 survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are  
38 extended the basic protections afforded by governmental  
39 retirement systems. These persons must be provided benefits that  
40 are fair and adequate and that are managed, administered, and  
41 funded in an actuarially sound manner, as required by s. 14,  
42 Article X of the State Constitution and part VII of chapter 112,  
43 Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature determines and  
44 declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

45 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.