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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no provision for retirees and beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits from the Teachers' Retirement System to receive a funded one-time lump-sum payment in addition to their retirement allowances.

This bill would provide a lump-sum payment to certain retirees and beneficiaries under the Teachers' Retirement System.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Teachers' Retirement System; to provide for a funded one-time lump-sum payment in addition to the retirement benefits of certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Teachers' Retirement System conditioned upon the availability of funds in the Education Trust Fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) There is provided for fiscal year
2 2022-2023 a funded one-time lump-sum payment, hereinafter
3 referred to as lump-sum payment, in the amount of two thousand
4 dollars (\$2,000) to each person whose effective date of
5 retirement for purposes of receiving benefits from the
6 Teachers' Retirement System is prior to March 1, 2022, and who
7 is receiving or is entitled to receive a monthly allowance
8 from the Teachers' Retirement System on March 31, 2022.

9 (b) Beneficiaries of deceased members or deceased
10 retirees, if the date of death for the deceased member, or the
11 effective date of retirement for the deceased retiree for
12 purposes of receiving benefits from the Teachers' Retirement
13 System was prior to March 1, 2022, and if the beneficiary is
14 receiving or is entitled to receive a monthly allowance from
15 the Teachers' Retirement System on March 31, 2022, shall
16 receive the lump-sum payment.

17 (c) There is provided for fiscal year 2022-2023 a
18 funded one-time lump-sum payment to certain persons identified
19 in subsection (e), whose effective date of retirement for
20 purposes of receiving benefits from the Teachers' Retirement
21 System is prior to March 1, 2022, and who is receiving or is
22 entitled to receive a monthly allowance from the Teachers'
23 Retirement System on March 31, 2022.

24 (d) For purposes of this section, service includes
25 the service under Sections 16-25-1 and 16-25-150, Code of
26 Alabama 1975.

1 (e) Any person who received benefits under the
2 Medicaid program and whose eligibility for Medicaid benefits
3 would be impaired by the lump-sum payment provided by this
4 section shall not receive the lump-sum payment. Any person who
5 subsequently applies for benefits under the Medicaid program
6 and whose eligibility to receive benefits is impaired by the
7 lump-sum payment provided by this section shall not be
8 entitled to receive the lump-sum payment subsequent to the
9 date that the member files application for benefits under the
10 Medicaid program.

11 (f) The lump-sum payments provided under this
12 section shall be paid to all eligible recipients by the
13 Teachers' Retirement System in May 2022.

14 Section 2. It is not the intent of this act to make
15 appropriations, but the appropriation required by this act is
16 conditioned upon the availability of funds in the annual
17 Education Trust Fund budget act for the fiscal year beginning
18 October 1, 2022, the recommendation of the Finance Director,
19 and the approval of the Governor.

20 Section 3. This act shall become effective
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.