

# HOUSE BILL No. 1049

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-10.2-5-35.

**Synopsis:** TRF COLA and "thirteenth check". Provides for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) and a supplemental "thirteenth check" for members of the teachers retirement fund (TRF) (or their survivors or beneficiaries) for 2005.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.

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January 13, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10.2-5-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2004]: **Sec. 35. (a) The pension portion (plus postretirement  
4 increases to the pension portion) provided by employer  
5 contributions of the monthly benefit payable after December 31,  
6 2004, to a member of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund  
7 (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member of the Indiana state  
8 teachers' retirement fund) who retired or was disabled:**  
9 (1) after July 1, 1996, and before July 2, 2002, shall be  
10 increased by one percent (1%);  
11 (2) after July 1, 1978, and before July 2, 1996, shall be  
12 increased by two percent (2%); and  
13 (3) before July 2, 1978, shall be increased by three percent  
14 (3%).  
15 **(b) The increases specified in this section:**  
16 **(1) are based upon the date of the member's latest retirement  
17 or disability;**



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(2) do not apply to benefits payable in a lump sum; and  
 (3) are in addition to any other increase provided by law.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) As used in this SECTION, "fund" refers to the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund established by IC 21-6.1-2-1.

(b) The amount determined in the following STEPS shall be paid from the annuity reserve account of the fund on November 1, 2004, to any person who was a retired member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a retired member) of the fund as of July 2, 2003, and who was entitled to receive a monthly benefit on October 1, 2004:

**STEP ONE: Determine the difference between:**

(A) the balance in the fund's retired teacher annuity reserve account as of June 30, 2003; and  
 (B) the computed liability of the annuity portion of the normal allowance for the retired members as of June 30, 2003.

**STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE result by ten percent (10%).**

The amount shall be paid in a single check. The amount is not an increase in the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

(c) The amounts distributed under subsection (b) shall be distributed to each retired member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a retired member) who meets the requirements of subsection (b) in an amount determined under the following STEPS:

**STEP ONE: Determine the sum of:**

(A) the total number of years of creditable service (excluding creditable service under Acts 1965, c.410, s.4) in the fund of all retired members eligible to receive a portion of the distribution; plus  
 (B) the total number of years that all retired members who are eligible to receive a portion of the distribution have been retired.

**STEP TWO: Determine the sum of:**

(A) the eligible retired member's total number of years of creditable service (excluding creditable service under Acts 1965, c.410, s.4) in the fund; plus  
 (B) the total number of years since the eligible retired member retired from the last covered position held by the member.

**STEP THREE: Divide the amount determined in STEP TWO by the amount determined in STEP ONE.**

**STEP FOUR: Multiply the amount determined in STEP**

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1           **THREE** by the amount of the distribution under **STEP TWO**  
2           of subsection (b).  
3           **STEP FIVE: Determine the greater of fifty dollars (\$50) or**  
4           **the amount determined in STEP FOUR.**  
5           **(d) This SECTION expires December 1, 2004.**

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