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A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-155.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to early retirement for certain local government officials.

Patron—Kilgore

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 51.1-155.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 51.1-155.2. Exceptions from general early retirement provisions for certain local government officials.

A. Members of the retirement system who (i) are appointed county administrator pursuant to § 15.2-406, urban county executive pursuant to § 15.2-804, county executive pursuant to § 15.2-509, county manager pursuant to § 15.2-609 or § 15.2-702, or city or town manager pursuant to Chapter 15 (§15.2-1500 et seq.) of Title 15.2; or county, city or town attorney pursuant to § 15.2-1542; (ii) are involuntarily separated from service; and (iii) have twenty or more years of creditable service at the date of separation, may retire without the reduction in retirement allowance required by subdivisions A 2 and A 3 of § 51.1-155 upon attaining age fifty-five.

B. For the purposes of this section, "involuntary separation" means any dismissal, requested resignation, or failure to obtain reappointment, except in case of a conviction for a felony or crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty.

C. The cost of this provision shall be borne by the locality.

2. That this act shall apply to employees of political subdivisions unless the employer notifies the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System otherwise in writing on or before July 1, 2000.