

Retiree Bonus This Month

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The Alabama Legislature passed much-needed retiree bonuses for TRS and ERS retirees in the amount of \$2 per month of service credit. For example, this will equal \$600 for members with 25 years of service and \$720 for members with 30 years of service. Be on the lookout for the bonus because it will be paid in April for state and education retirees!

Cities, counties, and local boards can elect to provide the same bonus to their retirees. They must make the election by the end of August. If they elect to do so, their retirees will receive the bonus in October.

A lot of hard work went into getting these bonuses. The Alabama Retired State Employees' Association and the Alabama Education Association, along with its retiree division, the Alabama Education Retirees Association, fought hard to get these bonuses. A number of members of the Legislature put in a lot of effort to make this happen as well, including the Senate sponsors, Sen. Del Marsh, Sen. Greg Albritton, and Sen. Bobby Singleton, and the House sponsors, Rep. Danny Garrett and Rep. Chris Sells. ●