

**20 NCAC 02B .0211      OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

An individual who is employed by a state university at a rank or in a position ineligible for participation in the Optional Retirement Program, as provided by G.S. 135-5.1, and who later is reclassified to an eligible rank or position shall be permitted to elect to withdraw from the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and to begin participation in the Optional Retirement Program as though the individual were a new employee.

*History Note:      Authority G.S. 135-5.1; 135-6(f);  
                          Eff. February 1, 1976;  
                          Readopted Eff. March 1, 2023; September 21, 1977.*