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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - CENTRAL FALLS RETIREE PENSION BENEFITS

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Lombardi, Hull, Jackson, and Maldonado

Date Introduced: February 08, 2019

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-21 of the General Laws entitled "Retirement of Municipal
2 Employees" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-21-67.1. Gradual increase of pension benefits for Central Falls retirees.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 45-21-67:

5 (1) Effective September 1, 2019, each Central Falls retiree covered by the terms of the
6 settlement agreement enacted pursuant to § 45-21-67 shall receive seventy-five and one-half
7 percent (75.5%) of their base pension benefit (as such term is defined in § 45-21-67(a)), after
8 taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments for their lifetime, and to the extent
9 applicable, after taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments to their beneficiaries
10 for their lifetime;

11 (2) Effective September 1, 2020, each Central Falls retiree covered by the terms of the
12 settlement agreement enacted pursuant to § 45-21-67 shall receive seventy-six percent (76%) of
13 their base pension benefit (as such term is defined in § 45-21-67(a)), after taking into account all
14 applicable cost-of-living adjustments for their lifetime, and to the extent applicable, after taking
15 into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments to their beneficiaries for their lifetime;

16 (3) Effective September 1, 2021, each Central Falls retiree covered by the terms of the
17 settlement agreement enacted pursuant to § 45-21-67 shall receive seventy-six and one-half
18 percent (76.5%) of their base pension benefit (as such term is defined in § 45-21-67(a)), after
19 taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments for their lifetime, and to the extent

1 applicable, after taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments to their beneficiaries
2 for their lifetime;

3 (4) Effective September 1, 2022, each Central Falls retiree covered by the terms of the
4 settlement agreement enacted pursuant to § 45-21-67 shall receive seventy-seven percent (77%)
5 of their base pension benefit (as such term is defined in § 45-21-67(a)), after taking into account
6 all applicable cost-of-living adjustments for their lifetime, and to the extent applicable, after
7 taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments to their beneficiaries for their
8 lifetime; and

9 (5) Effective September 1, 2023 and continuing each year thereafter, each Central Falls
10 retiree covered by the terms of the settlement agreement enacted pursuant to § 45-21-67 shall
11 receive seventy-seven and one-half percent (77.5%) of their base pension benefit (as such term is
12 defined in § 45-21-67(a)), after taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments for
13 their lifetime, and to the extent applicable, after taking into account all applicable cost-of-living
14 adjustments to their beneficiaries for their lifetime.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that, effective September 1, 2019, all Central Falls retirees
2 covered by the Central Falls retirees' settlement agreement would have their pension benefits
3 gradually increased during a five (5) year period from the current base of seventy-five percent
4 (75%) to seventy-seven and one-half percent (77.5%) of their base pension benefit amount as of
5 July 31, 2011, after taking into account all applicable cost-of-living adjustments for their
6 lifetimes, and to the extent applicable, for the lives of their beneficiaries.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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