GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

S SENATE BILL 616*

Short Title:	Volunteer Service in Retirement.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Brown (Primary Sponsor); Cook and Goolsby.	
Referred to:	Pensions & Retirement and Aging.	

April 4, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF RETIREMENT TO CLARIFY THAT SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM IS NOT CONSIDERED SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THAT DEFINITION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. G.S. 135-1(20) reads as rewritten:

"Retirement" means the termination of employment and the complete separation from active service with no intent or agreement, express or implied, to return to service. A retirement allowance under the provisions of this Chapter may only be granted upon retirement of a member. In order for a member's retirement to become effective in any month, the member must render no service, including part-time, temporary, substitute, or contractor service, at any time during the six months immediately following the effective date of retirement. For purposes of this subdivision, service as a member of a school board-board, or as an unpaid bona fide volunteer in a local school administrative unit unit, or as an unpaid bona fide volunteer Guardian ad Litem in the Guardian ad Litem Program shall not be considered service. A member who is a full-time faculty member of The University of North Carolina may effect a retirement allowance under this Chapter, notwithstanding the six-month requirement above, provided the member immediately enters the University's Phased Retirement Program for Tenured Faculty as that program existed on May 25, 2011."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.

