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Statewide, 451 Retired Florida Public Employees are taking **$56.7 Million** in Cash bonuses as these 451 Bureaucrats retire for a second time this October 2021. The Highest Cash Bonus Payout is $791,321and 226 are over $100,000. “Triple Dippers are ‘Public Servants’ who take a salary and a pension with interest at the same time to do the same job at the same time!”, noted Ron Pure, Chairman, Taxpayers Action Group. Triple Dippers *are the only* Florida Public employees who don’t pay 3% of their salary into the Florida retirement system-cheating taxpayers out of $62.8 Million! No private company allows such abuses. **Add the Cherry on the top - collecting a paycheck and a pension at the same time, Triple Dippers can afford to delay Social Security which then increases 8% per year to age 70. That’s about a 40% increase in Social Security payments!”**

**“Replacing these over the hill retired Triple Dippers with freshly educated and trained employees would save approximately $902.8 Million which could be spent on schools, roads and tax cuts”, stated Dave Jaye, Researcher, Taxpayers Action Group.** “Giving“Public Servants” a paycheck and a pension at the same time to do the same job has led to **$36 Billion in unfunded Florida Retirement obligations!** This abuse of taxpayers must stop.**”**