

## **Fake Retirements Give 761 Statewide Florida Bureaucrats and Politicians \$103.6 Million in cash pension bonuses in May 2023**

### **19 S.W. Florida Public Employees take \$3 Million in Pension cash bonuses in May 2023**

“Triple Dippers are Florida Public Employees who take a salary and a pension with interest at the same time to do the same job!” said Dave Jaye, Researcher, [www.tripledippers.org](http://www.tripledippers.org) “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.” The May 2023 Fake Retirement Pensions cash bonus list is at <https://tripledippers.org/fl-cash-outs-may-2023/> See the Statewide list of Florida’s Triple Dippers at <https://tripledippers.org/fl-statewide-2022-april-29305-tripledippers/>

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, a \$1,675 liability for every man, woman and child in Florida! Instead of reducing this abuse of taxpayers, the Florida Legislature voted to extend the time Politicians and bureaucrats can collect retirement benefits and a salary at the same time by 60% from 5 to 8 years and 10 years for teachers! <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/BillSummaries/2023/html/3071#:~:text=Extend%20the%20maximum%20time%20a,or%20after%20July%201%2C%202023.>

This giveaway of taxpayer money will cost an extra \$3.1 Billion in the first fiscal year. The Legislature increased the taxpayer-paid interest rate from 1.3% to 4% for fake retirement pensions and permits politicians and bureaucrats to start collecting fake retirement pensions earlier. The Monthly taxpayer-paid health benefit increases to \$225 up from \$150. <https://thecapitolist.com/frs-double-dip-retirement-expansion-will-make-it-harder-for-private-sector-to-compete-with-state/>

**Add the Cherry on the top – these Triple Dippers are cashing out their unused days off at their final highest salary, not the salary when the days were earned taking more money from taxpayers and artificially increasing the final year’s pay on which their pensions are calculated.** 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! Triple Dippers are formally called the **Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)**<sup>11</sup>. The Highest May 2023 Fake Pension Cash Bonus Payout is \$808,299 to Xxxxxxx Xxxxxxx Palm Beach County Fire Department. The average May 2023 fake retirement pension cash

bonus is \$136,110 and 441 Triple Dippers are collecting over \$100,000 in May Pension cash bonuses from taxpayers.

**The SW Florida Triple Dippers who received a fake retirement cash bonus in May 2023 are:**

	First	Last	Employer	Fake Retirement Date	Pension Cash Bonus Date	Pension Cash Bonus	Home
1	R		Judicial	6/1/2020	5/31/2023	\$ 406,046	
2	E		CHARLOTTE SHERIFF	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 380,428	
3	D		LEE CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 289,841	
4	A		LEGISLATURE SENATE	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 226,510	
5	C		CHARLOTTE CO SCHOOLS	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 213,128	
6	T		LEE CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 196,838	
7	E		LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 168,789	
8	D		FSW STATE COLLEGE	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 161,937	
9		R	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 141,852	
10		E	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 139,899	
11		D	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 126,201	
12		A	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 121,742	
13		C	COLLIER SCHOOLS	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 114,502	
14		T	DEPT OF HEALTH	7/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 92,496	
15		E	LEE CO SCHOOL BOARD	10/1/2019	5/31/2023	\$ 84,792	
16		D	LEE COUNTY	5/1/2020	5/10/2023	\$ 63,273	
17			COLLIER COUNTY	5/1/2020	5/11/2023	\$ 61,860	
18			CHARLOTTE SCHOOLS	6/1/2018	5/31/2023	\$ 56,608	
19			NORTH COLLIER FIRE DEPT	11/1/2022	5/26/2023	\$ 20,670	
	TOTAL					\$ 3,067,412	

**The Top 13 Baker's Dozen of Florida Triple Dippers who received a fake retirement cash bonus in May 2023 are:**

First	Last	Employer	Fake Retirement Date	Pension Cash bonus date
		PALM BEACH COUNTY BCC	6/1/2018	5/31/20
		MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	6/1/2018	5/31/20
		CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DIST	12/1/2018	5/19/20

R		MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	6/1/2018	5/31/20
E		ORANGE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	6/1/2018	5/31/20
D		OFFICE OF STATE COURTS	6/1/2020	5/31/20
A		MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	6/1/2018	5/31/20
C		MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	6/1/2018	5/31/20
T		JUSTICE ADM STATES ATTORNEY DIV	6/1/2018	5/31/20
E		CHARLOTTE CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	6/1/2018	5/31/20
D		MIAMI-DADE CO SCHOOL BOARD	6/1/2018	5/31/20
		OKALOOSA CO SCHOOL BOARD	7/1/2017	5/31/20
		MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	6/1/2018	5/31/20

“Instead of giving overpaid bureaucrats and politicians more money, use our tax money to help 10,000 people left homeless due to Hurricane Ian<sup>[2]</sup> and Hurricane Nicole’s destruction”, suggested Dave Jaye. “

“Although they never really retired, approximately **27,581 Florida Public Employees and Politicians** just file paperwork pretending to retire but keep on working and pocket approximately \$1 Billion in salaries and \$4.63 Billion in pension payments at the same time to do the same job and are the only Florida Public employees who don’t pay 3% of their salary into the Pension System,” stated Dave Jaye. “No Retirement Party, No Speeches, No Gold Watch, and No break in Employment! This scheme to rip off taxpayers was approved by Florida Government Entities by a majority vote from Mosquito Districts to Cities, Counties, Schools, Universities, the State Legislature, and the Governor. These Public Employees in conjunction with their supervisors are perpetrating fraud. The Public Manager or Politician simply signs off on the Fake retirement. If the paperwork is in order that’s good enough. Even though the public employee and Politician never really left their job”.

“Hurricane Ian destroyed the financial security of thousands of Florida retirees whose life savings were invested in houses and condos lost to the storm’s winds and flooding”<sup>[3]</sup>, said Dave Jaye, Researcher, [tripleddippers.org](http://tripleddippers.org) “Hurricane Ian has displaced thousands of Floridians whose homes are now uninhabitable, taking not only their shelter but their financial safety nets.” Replacing the approximately **27,581** Statewide over-the-hill retired Triple Dippers with freshly educated and trained employees would save approximately 40% around \$902.8 Million” stated Dave Jaye.

“This abuse of taxpayers must stop”. “We need to create opportunities for young people to move in start a family replacing these overpriced-cum-golden oldie Triple Dippers who are just putting \$763 the bank. Young people have much lower health care costs, are better educated and have much m Citizen Triple Dippers,” noted Dave Jaye.

Law enforcement employees typically collect huge amounts of overtime which result in even higher pension cash bonuses.

“The Florida Legislature and Governor should require Triple Dippers to contribute 3% of pay to the State Pension program just like every other ‘Public Servant’ and increase the ‘Public Servant’ contribution from 3% to 5% as proposed by then-Governor Rick Scott. Retirement cash bonuses should be eliminated”. <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/fl-xpm-2011-02-01-fl-scott-announces-pension-reforms-20110201-story.html>

The public employer (taxpayer-paid) match of DROP Triple Dippers’ salary to the Florida pension system has increased to 21.34% compared to 13.82% for regular-class employees. In 2012 the Employer match for DROP employees was 4.33%. <https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/fl/2022/bills/FLB00027524/>  
A major reason the Triple Dippers Program is expanding is that many Triple Dippers work for the Florida State Senate, State House, and Governor’s office and are Elected Politicians. The Employer contribution rate (taxpayer paid) for Legislators, the Governor and the Florida Cabinet is 66.73% [https://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce\\_operations/retirement/employers/contribution\\_rates](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/employers/contribution_rates) .

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<sup>[1]</sup> <https://myfrsguide.com/drop-info/>

<sup>[2]</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2079623235780#:~:text=The%20magnitude%20of%20Hurricane%20Ian's,millions%20more%20still%20without%20power>