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Thank you for your letter. I did not sign House Bill 1281 because I was opposed to the provision that benefited state legislators. I did allow the bill to become law without my signature because I could not veto only a portion of the bill. I strongly agreed with the legislation that benefited more than 50,000 state employees and 30,000 teachers. A special session was held on June 29, 2000, to correct the legislative retirement portion of House Bill 1281. During this session, House Bill 1281 was repealed.

Very truly yours,

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