

Politician Lisa Tuten decides a pension cash bonus of \$354,523 is not enough, Tuten wants a pension cash bonus of \$567,236!

**Fake Retirements Give 706 Florida Bureaucrats and Politicians \$94.8 Million in cash pension bonuses in July 2023**



Lisa Tuten, Tax Collector of Madison County and Judge Phyllis Galen are the July 2023 Top Florida Politician Triple Dippers. Galen is collecting a Pension Cash bonus of \$726,266 and Tuten is scheduled to take \$354,523 plus huge salaries as the same time to do the same job.

Judge Phyllis Galen



**Politician Lisa Tuten**, Democrat Tax Collector of Madison County became one of the first Florida Politicians to announce they are extending their Fake Retirement Pension program by 60% from 5 to 8 years under the New Florida Law (SB 7024) signed by Governor Jim DeSantis on June 5, 2023. Politician Lisa Tuten (850) 973-6136 [MCTC@madisoncoannex.com](mailto:MCTC@madisoncoannex.com) had earlier selected to take her Pension cash bonus of \$354,523 on July 31, 2023. However, the \$354,523 pension cash bonus was not enough for Lisa Tuten, she now wants to take a fake retirement cash bonus of \$567,236! July 24, 2023, Tuten emailed “The DROP has been extended to 8 years so I am continuing.” to Dave Jaye, Researcher at [www.tripledippers.org](http://www.tripledippers.org) Lisa Tuten takes a salary of \$116,502 and benefits of \$9,936 and is shifting her personal responsibility to the taxpayers by not paying 3% of her salary \$3,495 into the Florida Pension system. Taxpayers will continue paying Lisa Tuten’s pension of approximately \$121,479 each year and health care benefits for the rest of her life. How many gourmets lunches, luxury cars and vacation homes can one person reasonably use? This money should be used to pay for victims of Hurricanes and tutors for school children. The full sortable list of Pension cash bonuses paid out to Triple Dippers in July are at <https://tripledippers.org/fl-cash-outs-july-2023/>.

Sarasota County Politician Judge Phyllis Galen is taking a pension cash bonus of \$438,713 and a salary of \$172,014 at the same time to do the same job not paying 3% of her salary \$5,461 into the Florida Retirement System like other public employees. See the Statewide list of Florida’s Triple Dippers at <https://tripledippers.org/fl-statewide-2023-june-28537-tripledippers/>

Giving “Public Servants” a paycheck and a pension at the same time to do the same job has led to \$39 Billion in unfunded Florida Retirement obligations, a \$1,725 liability for every man, woman and child in Florida!

SB 7024 giveaway of taxpayer money will cost an extra \$3.1 Billion in the first fiscal year 2023-2024. The Legislature and Governor DeSantis increased the taxpayer-paid interest rate from 1.3% to 4% for accruing pension cash bonuses and permits politicians and bureaucrats to collect fake retirement pensions

bonuses earlier. School employees can now collect a pension and paycheck at the same time for 10 years! 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>1</sup>. The Highest July 2023 Pension cash bonus is Evan Grob Miami Dade County Attorney taking a pension cash bonus of \$848,573!

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

	First	Last	Employer	Fake Retirement Date	Pension Cash Bonus Date	Pension Cash Bonus	Email Address
1	EVAN	GROB	MIAMI-DADE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	8/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 848,573	egrob@bellsouth.net
2	ROLANDO	SILVA	PALM BEACH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	9/1/2018	7/11/2023	\$ 785,587	rlmcsilva@aol.com
3	LENNY	COLLINS	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY	8/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 710,954	collinsfire@aol.com
4	MICHAEL	FARRELL	TAMPA SPORTS AUTH	8/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 612,671	mfarrell@tampasportsauthority.com
5	HENRY	NASH	NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE	8/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 607,395	henrymnash@gmail.com
6	SERGIO	LAGEYRE	MIAMI-DADE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	4/1/2019	7/28/2023	\$ 595,613	slageyre@bellsouth.net
7	GENE	SPAULDING	HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLE	1/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 522,685	genespauld@flhsmv.gov
8	RANDY	FITZPATRICK	HILLSBOROUGH CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	8/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 480,755	rmfitzpatrick@tampabay.rr.com
9	RICHARD	OLIVERI	MIAMI-DADE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	8/1/2018	7/31/2023	\$ 464,235	richrjmetro31@aol.com
10	DIANA	GREENE	DUVAL CO SCHOOL BOARD	12/1/2020	7/24/2023	\$ 452,767	dlgjlg@gmail.com
11	CARLOS	RIVERA	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY	7/1/2019	7/31/2023	\$ 452,164	carlosriverahd1@gmail.com
12	JORGE	CARVAJAL	MIAMI-DADE CO BD OF CO COMMISSIONERS	4/1/2019	7/31/2023	\$ 443,919	carvperformance@gmail.com
13	PHYLLIS	GALEN	Politician Judge Sarasota County	6/1/2019	7/31/2023	\$ 438,713	pgalen78@gmail.com

“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. “

<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%20withou%20power>

“Although they never really retired, approximately **28,573 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! 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. There are 61 Triple Dippers who work for the Florida Legislature and 10 for Governor DeSantis. 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, tripledippers.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 **28,573** 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 into these jobs to buy a home and start a family replacing these overpriced-cum-golden oldie Triple Dippers who are just putting \$763,622 or more of cash bonuses into the bank. Young people have much lower health care costs, are better educated and have much more energy than these Senior Citizen Triple Dippers,” noted Dave Jaye.

Law enforcement employees typically collect huge amounts of overtime which results 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 21.13% compared to 16.57% for regular-class employees. In 2012 the Employer match for DROP employees was 4.33%. <https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/fl/2022/bills/FLB00027524/> The Employer contribution rate (taxpayer paid) for Legislators, the Governor and the Florida Cabinet is 65.72% . <https://employer.frs.fl.gov/forms/ir23-229.pdf>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/hurricane-ian-destroyed-retirees-life-savings/>

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