

**Resolution 3 - Submitted by RC7**  
**Disability Retirement**

1 Whereas, the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) has a disability option  
2 available to members who qualify; and

3 Whereas, NYSTRS members who are no longer able to work and who qualify often receive a  
4 significantly reduced pension for the remainder of their life; and

5 Whereas, this pension can average approximately one-third of the member's full salary and is  
6 often not a sufficient living wage; and

7 Whereas, qualifying for a disability retirement precludes a member from engaging in any other  
8 employment for the purpose of supplementing their income; and

9 Whereas, members of NYSTRS who are injured in the performance of their duties, resulting in  
10 the qualification for a disability retirement receive this same calculation; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, that NYSUT seek legislation that would improve the disability pension calculation  
12 for members who are granted a disability retirement; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, that NYSUT consider seeking legislation that would allow a member who  
14 qualifies for a disability pension due to an injury in the performance of their duty to receive a  
15 more appropriate disability pension.