
DIGEST

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HB No. 20

Abstract: Relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL), allows certain retirees reemployed as adjunct professors to receive retirement benefits during reemployment at public postsecondary institutions.

Present law prohibits any TRSL retiree other than a "retired teacher" from receiving a retirement benefit while reemployed in a position covered by TRSL. Provides that anyone other than a "retired teacher" shall have his benefit suspended during reemployment. Defines "retired teacher" as:

- (1) Any retired member who returns to work full time or part time as a classroom teacher offering instructional services to any student in grades K through 12 in a "critical shortage area".
- (2) Any retired member who returns to active service as a full-time certified speech therapist, speech pathologist, or audiologist whose position of employment requires a valid La. ancillary certificate approved and issued by the state Dept. of Education in a school district where a shortage exists.
- (3) Any other retired member reemployed on or before June 30, 2010.
- (4) Any member who retired between May 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, who returns to active service in a position requiring a valid La. teaching certificate or a valid La. ancillary certificate.

Proposed law adds to the definition of "retired teacher", and therefore to the list of reemployed retirees who may receive a benefit during reemployment, retirees reemployed as adjunct professors engaged in the instruction of students or in research at a public postsecondary institution.

Proposed law provides that the earnings of any such adjunct professor shall not exceed 25% of his retirement benefit in any fiscal year. If earnings exceed this amount, the professor's retirement benefit will be reduced by the amount in excess of the 25%.

Proposed law requires that any cost of proposed law be funded with additional employer contributions in compliance with Art. X, §29(F) of the state constitution.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(5))