

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR LONG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STATE EMPLOYEE RET. Provides for firefighters at state agencies to be members of the hazardous duty plan. (2/3 - CA10s29(F)) (6/30/19)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:612(2)(m), relative to qualifications for membership in the hazardous duty service plan at the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:612(2)(m) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§612. Application; definitions

Terms not specifically defined in this Section but defined in R.S. 11:403 shall have the meanings provided in R.S. 11:403 unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context. For purposes of this Subpart:

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(2) "Member" or "members" shall include the following persons whose first employment making them eligible for membership in one of the state systems occurred on or after January 1, 2011:

\* \* \*

(m) Employees of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry who respond

1 to wildfires and ~~who qualify as Firefighter Type 2 or higher according to the~~  
2 ~~National Wildfire Coordinating Group~~ **are trained as wildland firefighters, as**  
3 **provided in R.S. 3:4276(9).**

4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2019; if vetoed by the  
5 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
6 June 30, 2019, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Margaret M. Corley.

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## DIGEST

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Present law provides for the Hazardous Duty Services Plan at the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), commonly called the "Haz Plan".

Present law defines "members" for purposes of the Haz Plan, including employees of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry who respond to wildfires and who qualify as Firefighter Type 2 or higher according to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.

Proposed law retains present law but substitutes general wildland firefighter training for the requirement of qualification as Firefighter Type 2 or higher according to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.

Effective June 30, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 11:612(2)(m))