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## DIGEST

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HB No. 112

**Abstract:** Relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), provides that foreign teachers holding J-1 visas who are teaching in a La. public school through a J-1 exchange visitor program shall be members of TRSL.

Present law (R.S. 11:701(17)), relative to TRSL, defines a "member" as any teacher included in membership of the system.

Present law (R.S. 11:721) provides that all teachers shall become members of TRSL as a condition of their employment.

Present law (R.S. 11:701(33)(a)) defines "teacher" to include certain individuals. Present law (R.S. 11:701(33)(b)) excludes from the definition of "teacher" certain individuals, including alien teachers in La. who are teaching on J visas and F visas.

Proposed law retains present law, but includes an alien holding a J-1 visa who is teaching in a La. public school through a J-1 exchange visitor program within the definition of "teacher" and therefore a member of TRSL.

(Amends R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(x) and (xi) and (b)(v); Adds R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(xii))