

Existing law (R.S. 11:701(17)), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL), defines a "member" as any teacher included in membership of the system.

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

Existing law (R.S. 11:701(33)(a)) defines "teacher" to include certain individuals. Existing 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 or F visas.

New law provides an exception to existing law. Includes aliens holding J-1 visas who are teaching in a La. public school through a J-1 exchange visitor program within the definition of "teacher", therefore making such persons members of TRSL.

Effective August 15, 2009.

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