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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Cortez

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. Provides relative to certain public retirement systems.

Report adopts House amendments to:

Provide for technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

Provide that anyone who elected to participate in the optional retirement plan (ORP) of Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System before December 31, 2007, may regain membership in the system by paying the actuarial cost to do so.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides educational requirements for members of the boards of trustees of the following Louisiana public retirement systems:

1. The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.
2. The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
3. The Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System.
4. The State Police Pension and Retirement System.
5. The Assessors' Retirement Fund.
6. The Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund.
7. The District Attorneys' Retirement System.
8. The Firefighters' Retirement System.
9. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System.
10. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.
11. The Parochial Employees' Retirement System.
12. The Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.
13. The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.
14. Harbor Police Retirement System.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that for each system to which the provisions of present law apply, every member of the board of trustees shall complete continuing education or professional development training during each 12-month period from September 1st to August 31st.

Proposed law specifies that every designee of members shall complete the continuing education requirements.

Present law further provides that by October 15th of each year, the board of trustees of each system shall submit to the House and Senate committees on retirement a letter stating whether or not each member of that board has met the requirements of present law in the previous 12-month period and giving the date or dates upon which the required training hours were completed by each member.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that each year, each member shall attend a prescribed number of hours of investment training; actuarial science information education; education regarding the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to his system; and instruction on fiduciary duty and ethics.

Present law requires each board member to attend eight hours of investment training.

Proposed law retains present law and increases the required hours in the other areas as follows:

Actuarial science from two to four.

System laws, rules, and regulations from one to two.

Fiduciary duty and ethics from one to two.

Present law authorizes training hours to be conducted by the staff of the respective retirement system or by outside experts, and authorizes two or more systems to combine such training. Requires members elected or appointed to the board for the first time on or after June first to be required to comply only with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that no board member shall receive per diem during any calendar year unless and until he has completed the fiduciary and ethics requirement and at least one hour each of investment, actuarial science, and legal education in the current 12-month cycle.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that no new board member shall be permitted to vote on any matter until he has completed one hour of education in each of the four required areas.

Proposed law provides that no new board member shall be permitted to vote on any matter until he has completed the fiduciary and ethics requirement and one hour of education in each of the other required areas.

Present law provides that anyone who elected to participate in the optional retirement plan (ORP) of Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System before July 31, 2002, may regain membership in the system by paying the actuarial cost of doing so. Proposed law retains present law and extends the ability to regain membership to anyone who opted to participate in the ORP before December 31, 2007.

Effective August 31, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 11:185(D)(2), (3), and (5) and 502(B)(1))