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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a retiree of the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL) to return to work as a school nurse and continue to collect his benefit check, subject to an earnings limitation of 25% of his benefit amount.

Present law generally provides that a retiree of TRSL may not return to work in a position covered by the system and continue to receive retirement benefits while reemployed. Further provides exceptions to present law.

Present law authorizes a retiree to return to work as a substitute classroom teacher, an adjunct professor, or an instructor in an adult literacy program and to continue to receive his benefit check; however, the allowable employment earnings of such retiree are capped at 25% of his benefit amount. Proposed law retains present law and adds school nurses to the list of positions that a retiree may return to subject to a 25% earnings limitation.

Present law requires each local public school system to employ at least one school nurse certified by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education. Provides that the number of school nurses shall not exceed a statewide average of one certified school nurse for each 1,500 students. Provides that a school nurse is responsible for performing health care services that are required by state law and guidelines established by the Dept. of Education and that comply with the rules and regulations of the La. Bd. of Nursing. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 11:710(A)(8); Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(5)(d) and (9))