### 2019 Regular Session

### HOUSE BILL NO. 16

#### BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM

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

# RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Requires a physical exam that meets or exceeds national standards for purposes of membership in the Firefighters' Retirement System

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2253(A)(1)(a), relative to membership in the Firefighters'
Retirement System; to provide with respect to medical qualifications for
membership; and to provide for related matters.
Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
of Louisiana.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 11:2253(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
follows:
§2253. Membership
A. The membership of the retirement system shall be composed as follows:
(1)(a)(i) Except as provided in R.S. 11:2252(12), and except as provided
further in this Paragraph, any person who becomes an employee as defined in R.S.
11:2252 on and after January 1, 1980, shall become a member as a condition of his
employment.
(ii) National Fire Protection Association code 1582, Standard on
Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, is the
governing standard of physical evaluations required for membership in the system.
The version of the code in effect on an employee's date of hire is applicable for

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1	purposes of his membership in the system. An employee shall not be enrolled as a
2	member in the system until his employer provides the system a written statement
3	certifying that he has successfully completed a physical examination that meets or
4	exceeds this standard. The board of trustees may waive the provisions of this Item
5	for any employee or employer.
6	(iii) However, no person who has attained age fifty or over shall become a
7	member of the system, unless the person becomes a member by reason of a merger
8	or unless the retirement system received his application for membership before he
9	attained the age of fifty. No person who has not attained the age of eighteen years
10	shall become a member of the system.
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# DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to physical examinations required for membership in the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS).

<u>Present law</u> requires any person who becomes an employee of a fire department to become a member of FRS as a condition of his employment. <u>Present law</u> further provides for exceptions to the membership requirement. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes the governing standard of physical evaluations required for membership in the system and provides for employer certification of employee compliance with <u>proposed law</u>. Authorizes the system's board of trustees to waive the requirements of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 11:2253(A)(1)(a))