
DIGEST

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HB No. 21

Abstract: Authorizes a retired member of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) who does not possess a valid teaching certificate to return to work as a substitute classroom instructor and continue to receive retirement benefits.

Present law (R.S. 11:710(C)(2)) prohibits a retired member of TRSL from receiving his benefit check while he is reemployed in a position covered by TRSL. Present law (R.S. 11:710(A)) provides exceptions to this prohibition.

Present law defines the term "classroom teacher" to mean any employee whose position of employment requires a valid La. teaching certificate and who is assigned the professional activities of instructing pupils in courses in classroom situations for which daily pupil attendance figures for the school system are kept.

Pursuant to present law, a retired classroom teacher may return to work as a substitute classroom teacher and continue to receive retirement benefits. Proposed law removes the requirement that the retiree possess a valid La. teaching certificate in order to return to work as a substitute and continue to receive benefits.

Pursuant to present law, a retired member returning to work as a substitute may continue to draw his full benefit check while working, but may only earn up to 25% of his annual benefit as salary in such a position. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires that any cost of proposed law be funded with additional employer contributions in compliance with Art. X, Sec. 29(F) of the state constitution.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 11:710(A)(5))