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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2019 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 16 by Representative Abraham as proposed by the House Committee on Retirement

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To amend and reenact R.S.11:2270(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.11:2270(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2270. Physical examination; delinquency

A.(1) In order for any applicant to be eligible for membership in the Firefighters' Retirement System, such applicant shall complete the enrollment process, including the completion of the applicant form prescribed by the system, and shall have a physical examination which shall be evidenced by a physical examination form prescribed by the system.

(2) 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 purposes of his membership in the system. An employee shall not be enrolled as a member in the system until his employer provides the system a written statement certifying that he has successfully completed a physical examination that meets or exceeds this standard. The board of trustees may waive the provisions of this Item for any employee or employer.

(3) The cost of the physical examination shall be paid by the employer. If the current physical or mental condition or medical history of an applicant, as reflected on the physical examination form, is outside the guidelines established by the board physician, said applicant shall be required to execute a waiver for any condition reflected thereon.

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DIGEST

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

Present law requires all applicants for enrollment in FRS to have a physical examination evidenced by a physical examination form prescribed by the system. Present law further provides for exceptions to the membership requirement by execution of a waiver. Proposed law retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S.11:2270(A))