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SB 19 Original

2020 Regular Session

Peacock

Present law creates the state and statewide retirement systems and the boards which govern these systems.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 42:16 and 17) provides that in certain limited circumstances, public bodies may enter into executive session to discuss certain business outside of the public arena.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 24:8) authorizes any member of the legislature to attend any meeting (including executive sessions) of any state board, commission, agency, or committee.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement and a member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the Speaker to be members of each state and statewide retirement system board.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law permits each of the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on retirement, as legislators and ex officio members of each of the state and statewide retirement system boards, to authorize legislative staff members to attend any executive session of any board or committee meeting of any state or statewide retirement system.

Proposed law changes the chairman of the House Committee on Retirement to the member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the Speaker. Specifies that the legislator may authorize staff to attend executive sessions only of a board of which the legislator is a member.

Present law further requires any such authorization to be in writing, to specifically name the authorized staff, and to be submitted to the director of the board whose executive sessions staff will be attending. Provides that such written authorization is valid for one calendar year from the date of submission.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the time period from one year to the period of time the member is on the board.

Present law permits a legislator to revoke or modify a written authorization at any time. Provides requirements and mechanisms.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective June 30, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 11:186)