
DIGEST

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HB No. 150

Abstract: Relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL), allows certain retirees reemployed as adjunct professors to receive retirement benefits during reemployment.

Present law prohibits any TRSL retiree other than a "retired teacher" from receiving a retirement benefit while reemployed. Provides that anyone other than a "retired teacher" shall have his benefit suspended during reemployment. Defines "retired teacher" as:

- (1) Any retired member who returns to work full-time or part-time as a classroom teacher offering instructional services to any student in grades K through 12 in a "critical shortage area".
- (2) Any other retired member reemployed on or before June 30, 2010.
- (3) Any retired member who returns to active service as a full-time certified speech therapist, speech pathologist, or audiologist whose position of employment requires a valid La. ancillary certificate approved and issued by the state Dept. of Education in a school district where a shortage exists.

Proposed law adds to the definition of "retired teacher", and therefore to the list of reemployed retirees who may receive a benefit during reemployment, retirees reemployed as adjunct professors engaged in the instruction of students or in research.

Proposed law provides that the earnings of any such adjunct professor shall not exceed 25% of his retirement benefit in any fiscal year. If earnings exceed this amount, such professor's retirement benefit will be reduced by the amount in excess of the 25%.

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 July 1, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Retirement to the original bill.

1. Deletes language requiring an adjunct professor to be at least age 60 or have 30 years of service credit in order to receive a benefit during reemployment under proposed law.
2. Adds provision allowing adjunct professors engaged in research to receive a benefit during reemployment under proposed law.
3. With regards to earnings limitations of adjunct professors to whom proposed law applies, deletes requirement that the board of supervisors of the employer publish a uniform pay schedule for adjunct professors which such adjunct professors' earnings shall not exceed during reemployment.