DIGEST

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Hoffmann HB No. 151

Abstract: Relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL), allows a person who retired between April 30, 2009, and July 1, 2010, and who returns to a position requiring a teaching or ancillary certificate to receive a retirement benefit 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 fulltime or parttime 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 list of "retired teachers" a member who retired during the period from May 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and who returns to a position that requires a teaching or ancillary certificate. Such persons may receive a retirement benefit during reemployment.

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 provision of proposed law which added to the definition of "retired teacher", and therefore to the list of reemployed retirees who may receive a benefit during reemployment, any retiree reemployed in any TRSL-eligible position whose earnings in a fiscal year do not exceed 25% of his benefit.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Relative to definition of retired teacher, removes proposed law that amended present law to provide that a member who retired on or before June 30, 2010, was a retired teacher rather than a person who returned to active service prior to that date.

2. Adds to the definition of retired teacher a person who retired during the period from May 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and who returns to a position that requires a teaching or ancillary certificate.