

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 319

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAWYER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the actuary for the legislative auditor, in consultation with the actuaries for the two retirement systems, to perform the actuarial investigation required by R.S. 11:2260(A)(11)(d) and report findings relative to the cost and feasibility of merging firefighter members of the Baton Rouge City Parish Employees' Retirement System into the Firefighters' Retirement System.

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1980, the Firefighters' Retirement System was established for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits to firemen employed by any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during its June 30, 2025, actuarial funding valuation, the Firefighters' Retirement System achieved an actuarial funding status of over eighty-six percent; and

WHEREAS, the Firefighters' Retirement System is committed to actuarially sound funding and has taken meaningful steps to ensure the sustainability of the defined benefit plan while serving one hundred and forty employers and over eight thousand five hundred members; and

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge City Parish Employees' Retirement System is a public pension fund based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during its most recent actuarial funding valuation, the Baton Rouge City Parish Employees' Retirement System had a funding ratio of sixty-four percent; and

WHEREAS, the firefighters of the city of Baton Rouge and their beneficiaries deserve a pension that is actuarially funded throughout the lifetime of the members and their survivors; and

WHEREAS, retirement plans within the Baton Rouge City Parish Employees' Retirement System have different eligibility requirements and accrual rates depending upon when a firefighter was hired; and

WHEREAS, the retirement eligibility requirements and accrual rates are uniform for all members of the Firefighters' Retirement System.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the actuary for the legislative auditor, in consultation with the actuaries for the two retirement systems, to perform the actuarial investigation required by R.S. 11:2260(A)(11)(d) and to report findings relative to the cost and feasibility of merging firefighter members of the Baton Rouge City Parish Employees' Retirement System into the Firefighters' Retirement System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall submit a report of the results of the actuarial investigation to the House Committee on Retirement no later than January 15, 2027.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES