

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 23 (HB 19)**

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Existing law provides relative to definitions and the powers, duties, and authority of the board of trustees for the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS).

Prior law defined "medical board" as the State Medical Disability Board.

New law repeals prior law.

Existing law provides that a member is entitled to a disability benefit when he meets all of the following:

- (1) He becomes disabled.
- (2) He files for a disability benefit while in service.
- (3) Upon a medical examination and certification, he is found to have a total disability for any cause.
- (4) He has 10 years of service credit
- (5) The disability was incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active service.

Existing law provides that if an application for disability was not filed while the member was in active service, it is presumed that the disability was not incurred while the member was an active and contributing member.

Existing law requires the system board of trustees to award disability benefits to eligible members who have been officially certified as having a disability.

Prior law provided the disability had to be officially certified by the State Medical Disability Board.

New law provides that the official certification of a disability is determined by a physician designated by the board of trustees.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:1634(B)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 11:1581(13))