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DIGEST

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SB 189 Engrossed

2017 Regular Session

Colomb

Present law (R.S. 42:1111(A) - Code of Governmental Ethics) provides, subject to certain exceptions, that no public servant shall receive any thing of economic value, other than compensation and benefits from the governmental entity to which he is duly entitled, for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of his office or position.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law to provide that an award or stipend provided to any public school teacher or administrator for his participation in the National Math and Science Initiative shall be considered to be compensation from his governmental entity to which he is duly entitled. Specifies that such stipend or award shall not be considered regular compensation from his governmental entity nor shall it form any basis for governmentally supported benefits, but that the services for which the award or stipend is received shall be deemed to be performed for the benefit of the public school teacher's or administrator's governmental entity.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 42:1111(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions relative to institutions of higher learning and solicitation of donations.
2. Adds an exception to the Ethics Code for teachers and administrators participating in the National Math and Science Initiative.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Add that teachers and administrators may also be provided a stipend for participating in the National Math and Science Initiative.
2. Remove language specifying that time spent pursuant to the initiative shall not be deemed as hours worked for the governmental entity.
3. Make technical changes.