RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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<u>Existing law</u> generally requires suspension of retirement benefits for a retiree of the Teachers' Retirement System of La. who returns to work in a position covered by the system. Provides exceptions.

Existing law provides that a retiree may return to work in specified positions without reduction of benefits if there is a critical shortage of properly certified candidates to fill a vacancy in such a position. Provides procedures for establishing that a critical shortage exists. The positions to which existing law is applicable are: classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through 12th, speech therapist, speech pathologist, audiologist, educational diagnostician, school social worker, school counselor, and school psychologist. New law adds pre-kindergarten teacher to the list of positions to which a certified retiree may return to work without reduction of benefits if a critical shortage exists.

Existing law authorizes a retiree to return to work as a substitute classroom teacher, an adjunct professor, an instructor in an adult literacy program, or a school nurse and to continue to receive his benefit; however, the allowable employment earnings of such retiree are capped at 25% of his benefit amount; requires a reduction in the retirement benefit if the cap is exceeded. New law adds presenter of professional development and tutor to the list of positions to which a retiree may return subject to the earnings limitation.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 11:710(A)(3), (4), and (9) and (F)(3); Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(5)(e), (f), and (g))