

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

RETIREMENT/TEACHERS: Provides relative to the reemployment of contract teachers in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:710.1(C)(3), to enact R.S. 11:710(I), and to repeal R.S.
3 11:710(I), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for
4 the payment of benefits to retirees reemployed under a contract or corporate contract;
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
8 of Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:710(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §710. Employment of retirees who retired on or before June 30, 2020

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13 (I) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (B)(1)(a) and Paragraphs (C)(2) and
14 (G)(2) of this Section with regard to reemployment based on contract or corporate
15 contract, no person reemployed by contract or corporate contract between July 1,
16 2024, and July 1, 2026, shall have his benefit suspended for the duration of such
17 reemployment. The retiree and his employer shall not make contributions to the
18 system during such time, and he shall receive no additional service credit and shall
19 not accrue any additional retirement benefits.

1 Section 2. R.S. 11:710.1(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 §710.1. Employment of retirees who retired on or after July 1, 2020

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4 C.

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6 (3) Any retiree who returns to active service with an employer covered by
7 the provisions of this Chapter shall not have his benefit suspended for the duration
8 of his period of reemployment if such reemployment is based on a contract or
9 corporate contract. The retiree and his employer shall not make contributions to the
10 system during such time, and he shall receive no additional service credit and shall
11 not accrue any additional retirement benefits.

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13 Section 3. R.S. 11:710.1(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §710.1. Employment of retirees who retired on or after July 1, 2020

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16 C.

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18 (3) Any retiree who returns to active service with an employer covered by
19 the provisions of this Chapter shall ~~not~~ have his benefit suspended for the duration
20 of his period of reemployment if such reemployment is based on a contract or
21 corporate contract. The retiree and his employer shall not make contributions to the
22 system during such time, and he shall receive no additional service credit and shall
23 not accrue any additional retirement benefits.

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25 Section 4. R.S. 11:710(I) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

26 Section 5.(A) Sections 1, 2, and 6 and this Section of this Act shall become effective
27 July 1, 2024.

28 (B) Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

- 1 Section 6. The cost of this Act, if any, shall be funded with additional employer
2 contributions in compliance with Article X, Section 29(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for reemployment of contract or corporate contract teachers in the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL).

Present law provides for retirement benefit suspensions for TRSL retirees who return to work in a position covered by TRSL:

- (1) For those who retired prior to July 1, 2020:
 - (a) Suspension during reemployment that occurs within 12 months of retirement even if such service is based on contract employment.
 - (b) Reemployment in certain positions not otherwise excepted from suspension even if such service is based on contract employment.
 - (c) Certain other exceptions from suspension cannot be applied to service based on contract employment.
- (2) For those who retired on or after July 1, 2020, benefits are suspended for anyone who is reemployed pursuant to a contract.

Proposed law allows TRSL retirees to be reemployed through a contract or corporate contract without any suspension of their retirement benefit.

Proposed law is effective from July 1, 2024, until July 1, 2026.

Proposed law requires that any cost of proposed law be funded with additional employer contributions in compliance with Art. X, Sec. 29(F) of the state constitution.

Effective in part July 1, 2024; effective in part July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 11:710.1(C)(3); Adds R.S. 11:710(I); Repeals R.S. 11:710(I))