

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 17

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

TEACHERS RETIREMENT. Provides for optional retirement plan participants to become members of the regular retirement system. (6/30/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 11:932, relative to the optional retirement plan; to provide for election to join  
3 the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for membership; to  
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 11:932 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§932. Regular plan membership; irrevocable election**

9 **A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any active**  
10 **contributing participant in the optional retirement plan on June 30, 2016, may**  
11 **make an irrevocable election to become a member of the regular retirement**  
12 **plan of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. The election shall be**  
13 **made in writing in a manner prescribed by the system and received by the**  
14 **system on or before December 30, 2016.**

15 **B. All contributions to the optional retirement plan from a participant**  
16 **making the election and his employer shall cease on January 31, 2017.**  
17 **Beginning February 1, 2017, a participant who made the election shall begin**

1           contributing to and accruing benefits in the regular retirement plan of the  
 2           Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana as a member first eligible for  
 3           membership in a state system on that date. The person's employing agency shall  
 4           pay the system the contributions required pursuant to R.S. 11:102.

5           C. Any and all distributions from the optional retirement plan to a  
 6           participant who made the election provided for in this Section shall be in  
 7           accordance with R.S. 11:929.

8           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2016; if vetoed by the  
 9           governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
 10          June 30, 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Margaret M. Corley.

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## DIGEST

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Present law, relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (Teachers' or TRSL) provides that an employee of a public institution of higher education may elect to enter the optional retirement plan (ORP) when he is first hired in an eligible TRSL-covered position.

Present law provides that participation in the ORP is an irrevocable decision and a participant is not eligible for membership in TRSL after joining the ORP.

Proposed law provides that an active, contributing participant in the ORP on June 30, 2016, may elect, through written notice to TRSL, to cease contributions to the ORP and begin membership in the regular retirement plan at TRSL as a new member on or before December 30, 2016.

Proposed law provides that contributions to the ORP shall cease on January 31, 2017, and contributions and accrual in the regular retirement plan at TRSL shall begin on February 1, 2017.

Proposed law provides that distributions from the ORP shall be made in accordance with present law (R.S. 11:929).

Effective June 30, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 11:932)