

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 60

2016 Regular Session

Miguez

RETIREMENT/TEACHERS: Provides relative to the reemployment of retired school nurses in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of La.

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the mandatory benefit suspension period immediately following retirement from present law 12 months to 36 months except for a retiree filling a critical shortage position or one who returned to work under the provisions of present law prior to May 15, 2016.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law generally provides that a retiree of the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL) may not continue to receive retirement benefits while reemployed in a position covered by the system. Further provides exceptions to present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes a retiree who has been retired for 12 months to return to work as a substitute classroom teacher, an adjunct professor, or an instructor in an adult literacy program and to continue to receive his benefit. Provides, however, the allowable employment earnings of such retiree are capped at 25% of his benefit amount. Proposed law retains present law and adds school nurses (as provided for in present law) to the list of positions that a retiree may return to subject to a 25% earnings limitation.

Present law requires each local public school system to employ at least one school nurse certified by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education. Provides that the number of school nurses shall not exceed a statewide average of one certified school nurse for each 1,500 students. Provides that a school nurse is responsible for performing health care services that are required by state law and guidelines established by the Dept. of Education and that comply with the rules and regulations of the La. Bd. of Nursing.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires any teacher who returns to active service covered by the provisions of present law within the 12-month period immediately following the effective date of retirement to have his retirement benefit suspended for the duration of active service or, if earlier, the lapse of the 12 months. Proposed law retains present law for any teacher who returns to active service in a critical shortage position or who returned to work under the provisions of present law on or before May 15, 2016. For all others, increases the mandatory suspension period from 12 months to 36 months.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 11:710(A)(8) and (B)(1)(a) and (d); Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(5)(d) and (9) and (B)(1)(e) and (f))