

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 60

2016 Regular Session

Miguez

June 6, 2016

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 60 by Representative Miguez, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Retirement (#3058) should be rejected.
- 2. That the following amendment to the engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 8, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Blake Miguez

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Senator Barrow Peacock

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Senator Gerald Boudreaux

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 DIGEST

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**
**HB 60****2016 Regular Session****Miguez**
**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

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

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Changed 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.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Provide relative to a funding source.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law generally provides that a retiree of TRSL may not return to work in a position covered by the system and continue to receive retirement benefits while reemployed. Further provides exceptions to present law.

Present law authorizes a retiree 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 check; 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.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 11:710(A)(8); Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(5)(d) and (9))