

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 17

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

TEACHERS RETIREMENT. Provides for membership. (2/3 - CA10s29(F)) (6/30/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(xiv) and 1902(12)(b) and (13) and to enact R.S.
3 11:701(33)(a)(xv) and 727.1, relative to membership in the Teachers' Retirement
4 System of Louisiana; to provide for eligibility of certain employees; to provide for
5 transfer of service; to provide for notification; to provide for an effective date; and
6 to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(xiv) and 1902(12)(b) and (13) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted and R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(xv) and 727.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §701. Definitions

12 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings
13 ascribed to them in this Section unless a different meaning is plainly required by the
14 context:

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16 (33)(a) "Teacher", except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,
17 shall mean any of the following:

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(xiv) **Any employee of the Louisiana School Boards Association.**

(xv) In all cases of doubt, the board of trustees shall determine whether any person is a teacher within the scope of the definition set forth in this Paragraph.

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§727.1. Transfer of service credit for certain employees

A. Any employee of the Louisiana School Boards Association employed on or before June 30, 2020, who was a member of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System by virtue of his employment, shall have the irrevocable option to transfer his service credit to the system.

B. The transfer shall be made pursuant to R.S. 11:143.

C. The member shall provide written notice of his intention to transfer to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System and this system on or before December 31, 2020.

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§1902. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is plainly required by context:

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(12)(a)

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(b) "Employee" shall also mean a person employed by either the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, ~~the Louisiana School Boards Association,~~ or this retirement system and elected officials of the governing authority of any parish covered by this Chapter, and shall include members of school boards at their options. In any case of doubt, the board of trustees shall be the sole judge of who is an employee.

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(13) "Employer" means any parish in the state of Louisiana, excepting Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes, or the police jury or any other governing

1 body of a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish. "Employer"
 2 means also the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, ~~the Louisiana School Boards~~
 3 ~~Association~~, and this retirement system. "Employer" shall not mean a parish or city
 4 school board.

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6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2020; if vetoed by the
 7 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
 8 June 30, 2020, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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

DIGEST

SB 17 Original 2020 Regular Session Peacock

Present law provides for employees of the Louisiana School Boards Association to be members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

Proposed law provides for employees of the Louisiana School Boards Association to be members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL).

Proposed law provides that any employee of the Louisiana School Boards Association employed on or before June 30, 2020, who was a PERS member by virtue of his employment, shall have the irrevocable option to transfer his service credit to TRSL.

Present law provides for transfers of service credit between two public retirement systems within the state of Louisiana. (R.S. 11:143)

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires anyone wishing to transfer under the provisions of proposed law to give written notice to PERS and to TRSL on or before December 31, 2020.

Effective June 30, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(xiv) and 1902(12)(b) and (13); adds R.S. 11:701(33)(a)(xv) and 727.1)