2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2220(J)(1) and enact R.S. 11:2220(J)(4), relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to reemployment of retirees in the system; to provide for the payment of retirement benefits during reemployment; to provide for compensation and contributions during reemployment; and to provide for related matters.

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:2220(J)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:2220(J)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2220. Benefits; contribution limit

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J.(1)(a) The Except as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, the benefits of any retiree of this system who retires on or after July 1, 2021, and becomes employed by an employer but does not meet the definition of an employee within the twenty-four twelve-month period immediately following the effective date of his retirement shall be suspended for the duration of such employment or the lapse of twenty-four twelve months from the effective date of retirement, whichever occurs first, even if such service is part-time, based on employment by contract, or in a non-qualifying position.
(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Subsection that authorizes payment of retirement benefits to a retiree of this system who is reemployed under the conditions specified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, no such reemployed retiree shall receive a retirement benefit during the sixty-day period following the effective date of his retirement.

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(4)(a) The benefits of a retiree of this system who is reemployed under the conditions specified in Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection shall not be suspended for employment as either a police officer for not more than fifty hours per month or as an elected official other than a chief of police. Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, during such reemployment, the retiree and his employer shall make contributions to the retirement system as provided by this Chapter, but the retiree shall receive no additional service credit and shall not accrue any additional retirement benefit in the retirement system. Upon termination of reemployment, employee contributions paid since reemployment shall, upon application, be refunded to the retiree without interest. The retirement system shall retain the employer contributions and interest on contributions.

(b) Employer and employee contributions to this system are not required for a retiree reemployed as an elected official if the position is covered by another Louisiana retirement system and contributions are being made to that system.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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