

ACT No. 373

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BEAULLIEU, BRASS, BROWN, BUTLER, ROBBY CARTER, CORMIER, COX, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FREIBERG, GAINES, GAROFALO, GREEN, HORTON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MIGUEZ, MOORE, NELSON, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PIERRE, RISER, STAGNI, THOMPSON, AND WHITE AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HEWITT, JACKSON, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD, WHITE, AND WOMACK

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:423.1, relative to teacher salaries; to provide for the compensation of
3 teachers whose employment is interrupted by military service; to provide for
4 application; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:423.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §423.1. Teacher employment interrupted by military service; salary schedule

8 A. An individual whose employment as a teacher is interrupted by induction
9 into military service subsequent to the events provided in R.S. 17:423 shall be
10 placed, upon return to employment as a teacher, on the step of the salary schedule
11 provided for in R.S. 17:418 that he would have been on if his employment had not
12 been interrupted.

13 B. For purposes of this Section:

14 (1) "Military service" means service as a member of the United States
15 Armed Forces during a war declared by the United States Congress or in a peacetime
16 campaign or expedition for which campaign badges are authorized.

17 (2) "Teacher" has the meaning provided in R.S. 17:441.

1 Section 2.(A) R.S. 17:423.1 as enacted by this Act shall have a prospective
 2 application only; however, a teacher whose service was interrupted by military service
 3 between the end of the Vietnam Era as specified in R.S. 29:251.2 and the effective date of
 4 this Act and who is still employed as a teacher on such effective date shall have his
 5 experience increased on the steps of the salary schedule according to the duration of his
 6 military service. Thereafter, his salary shall be calculated based on this increase.

7 (B) The provisions of this Act shall have no effect on the benefits of a retired
 8 teacher.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____