

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: Provides relative to legislative staff attendance at executive sessions of meetings of any state or statewide retirement system board or committee

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:186(B), relative to legislative staff attendance at executive
3 sessions of meetings of any state or statewide retirement system board or committee;
4 to provide relative to authorization to attend executive sessions; to provide for
5 restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 11:186(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §186. Authorization for staff to attend executive sessions

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13 B.(1) An authorization made pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall
14 be made in writing, specifically name the legislative staff member or members
15 authorized to attend such executive sessions, and be submitted to the director of the
16 state or statewide retirement system board whose executive sessions staff shall be
17 authorized to attend. Such authorization shall be valid for ~~one calendar year~~ four
18 calendar years from the date of submission, unless modified or revoked as provided
19 in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

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(2) The chairman of the House Committee on Retirement and the chairman

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of the Senate Committee on Retirement are authorized to revoke or modify any

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written authorization made pursuant to this Section at any time by providing written

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notice to the director of the affected board. A revocation shall immediately

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terminate the authorization made pursuant to this Section. A modification shall act

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as a new written authorization and shall be valid for ~~one calendar year~~ four calendar

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years from the date submitted.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to legislative staff attendance at executive sessions of meetings of state or statewide retirement system boards or committees.

Present law provides that in certain limited circumstances, public bodies may enter into executive session to discuss certain business.

Present law permits each chairman of the House and Senate committees on retirement to authorize legislative staff to attend any executive session of a meeting of any state or statewide retirement system board or committee.

Present law further requires any such authorization to be made in writing, specifically name the authorized staff, and be submitted to the director of the board whose executive sessions staff are authorized to attend. Authorizes chairmen to revoke or modify an authorization.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a written authorization or modification is valid for one calendar year from the date of submission.

Proposed law changes authorization period to four calendar years.

(Amends R.S. 11:186(B))