

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 7

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RET. Provides relative to certain purchases of service credit.  
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1137, relative to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to requirements for certain purchases of service credit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:1137 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1137. Credit for service as an employee

Any ~~active, contributing~~ member of this system may receive credit for service rendered as an employee, for which credit is not maintained in any other publicly supported retirement system. In order to receive credit for such service, payment shall be made to the retirement system of an amount calculated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:158; ~~however, the member shall have rendered service as an employee for a minimum of ninety days and shall purchase a minimum of ninety days' service in order to avail himself of the provisions of this Section.~~ The amount of service credit shall be limited to the actual number of days the member was employed by a school board. Credit shall only be allowed for service for which the

1 school board maintained a record, and for which the school board certifies the  
 2 correctness thereof to the retirement system. All payments to be made under this  
 3 Section shall be paid prior to the effective date of retirement.

4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2016; if vetoed by the  
 5 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
 6 June 30, 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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

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## DIGEST

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Present law, relative to the La. School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS), defines "employee" as "any person legally occupying a position as a school bus driver who actually renders a service by driving a school bus during the full time of his employment, a school janitor, a school custodian, a school maintenance employee, school bus aide, monitor or attendant, or other regular school employee who actually works on a school bus helping with the transportation of school children, and who is a legal employee of a parish or city school board of the state of Louisiana, and shall include the employees of this system".

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law allows an active, contributing member of LSERS to purchase 90 days or more of credit for service rendered as an employee if the member does not have credit for that service in any other public retirement system. Provides for calculation of purchase price and documentation necessary to certify the service was rendered.

Proposed law removes the requirement that a member be active and contributing at the time of his purchase, as well as the ninety-day minimum purchase requirement.

Effective June 30, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 11:1137)