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HB 40 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

Reynolds

Abstract: Requires employer and employee contributions to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) during a period of reemployment of a retiree.

<u>Present law</u> provides that during a period of reemployment of a retiree of MERS, his employment income plus his retirement benefit may not exceed his final average compensation; if it does, his retirement benefit is reduced by the excess amount. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law provides that during such period of reemployment</u>, the employee is not a member of the system. <u>Proposed law removes this provision and requires that during the period of reemployment</u>, the retiree and his employer make contributions to the retirement system. Provides, however, that the retiree shall not receive additional service credit or accrue additional benefits in the retirement system. <u>Proposed law further provides that upon termination of reemployment</u>, employee contributions shall be refunded to the retiree without interest and provides that the retirement system retains the employer contributions and interest.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> is applicable to a retiree who is reemployed after June 30, 2016.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 11:1762(A) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Modify implementation to apply only prospectively to retirees reemployed after June 30, 2016.