
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes definitions of "disability" and "minor child" pertaining to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of La. (MERS)

Present law as it relates to MERS, defines disability as a condition which, in the determination of the MERS board, renders an employee permanently and totally disabled, by bodily injury or disease, from performing the duties and responsibilities of his position; excludes disabilities caused by specified actions or events. Proposed law provides that the disability must render the member incapable of any employment rather than render him incapable of performing the duties and responsibilities of his position.

Proposed law changes the definition of minor child from a child born of the marriage or adopted child of a member who has not attained the age of eighteen, or who had a disability at the time of the member's death and who remains in such disability status to an unmarried child under the age of eighteen years or child who had a disability at the time of the member's death and who remains disabled. Proposed law defines child as the issue of a marriage of a member, the legally adopted child of a member, the natural child of a female member; or the child of a male member if a court of competent jurisdiction has made an order of filiation declaring the paternity of such a member for the child or the father has formally acknowledged the child.

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(Amends R.S. 11:1732(11) and (20))