

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 37

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RETIREMENT/STATE EMPS: Provides for benefits for certain members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence

DIGEST

Present law provides the following disability benefits for the following LASERS members who become totally and permanently disabled from an injury received in the line of duty:

- (1) Members of the Corrections Plan: 60% of average compensation (FAC), subject to appropriation of funds.
- (2) Members of the Public Safety Services Plan with less than 10 years of service: 40% of FAC. Members with 10 or more years of service: the greater of the member's regular retirement benefit calculated without reduction due to age or 40% of FAC, whichever is greater.
- (3) Members of the Wildlife Agents Plan: 60% of FAC.
- (4) Members of the Harbor Police Retirement Plan: 60% of FAC.
- (5) Members of the Hazardous Duty Services Plan: 75% of FAC.

Proposed law provides a disability benefit of 100% of FAC for a member of any of these plans who becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries sustained, while engaged in the discharge of his duties, as a result of an intentional act of violence.

Proposed law removes requirement that disability benefits payable to members of the Primary Corrections Plans are subject to the appropriation of funds.

Proposed law applies to any disability retiree receiving disability benefits on the effective date of proposed law if he is approved for the benefits provided by proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 11:212(B)(1), 461(B)(2), 603(A) and (B)(intro. para.), and 617(A); Adds R.S. 11:583(B)(3) and 3686(B)(1)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to the engrossed bill

- 1. Removes provisions related to permanent benefit increases and OGB premiums.
- 2. Specifies that for a disability retiree receiving benefits on the effective date of proposed law who is approved for the increase in proposed law the system shall charge the employing agency for any actuarial cost, to be paid within 10 years as required by present constitution.
- 3. Requires LASERS board to notify the legislature electronically when a benefit is granted pursuant to proposed law.
- 4. Gives the system board the duty to determine whether the injury meets the requirements of proposed law.