Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

RETIREMENT BENEFITS: Requires suspension of public retirement benefits during incarceration

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact the heading of Subpart L of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle I of Title
3	11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 11:570, 951.3, 952.3, 1378,
4	1735(A), 1905, 3014, 3051, 3111, 3140, 3198, 3229, 3321(A), 3345, 3389, 3408,
5	3440, 3470, 3513, 3608(A), 3691, 3770, 3800, and 3823, and R.S. 13:3881(D)(1) and
6	to enact R.S. 11:293, relative to public retirement benefits; to provide relative to
7	incarcerated persons who are members, former members, or retirees of public
8	retirement systems; to require the suspension of retirement benefits by such persons
9	during the period of incarceration; to provide for repayment of benefits already
10	received by such persons; to require certain entities to report to public retirement
11	systems information pertaining to such persons who are incarcerated; to provide an
12	effective date; and to provide for related matters.
13	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
14	as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution
15	of Louisiana.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
17	Section 1. The heading of Subpart L of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle I of Title 11
18	of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 11:570, 951.3, 952.3, 1378, 1735(A), 1905,
19	3014, 3051, 3111, 3140, 3198, 3229, 3321(A), 3345, 3389, 3408, 3440, 3470, 3513,
20	3608(A), 3691, 3770, 3800, and 3823 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:293
21	is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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1	SUBPART L. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN COURT ORDERS
2	LEGAL DETERMINATIONS
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4	§293. Suspension of retirement benefits; incarceration
5	A. As used in this Section, the following words or phrases shall have the
6	following meanings:
7	(1) "Crime" shall mean a criminal offense committed on or after the effective
8	date of this Section pursuant to conviction of a crime.
9	(2) "Incarceration" or "incarcerated" shall mean physically incarcerated in
10	a correctional facility.
11	(3) "Public retirement system" means any state, statewide, or local public
12	retirement system, plan, or fund.
13	(4) "Public servant" means a public employee or an elected official as
14	defined in R.S. 42:1102, whether a member, former member, or retiree under the
15	provisions of any public retirement system.
16	B. No monthly retirement benefit or lump-sum payment of any kind shall be
17	payable by a public retirement system to a public servant for any period of time
18	during which he is incarcerated.
19	C.(1) A parish prosecutor shall inform, in writing, the secretary of the
20	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or the sheriff if incarceration is in a
21	parish jail, when a conviction for a crime is entered against a person whom the
22	prosecutor knows or has reason to believe is a member of a public retirement system
23	and has been sentenced to incarceration under the supervision of the secretary or
24	sheriff. The secretary or sheriff shall compile such information and transmit it to the
25	appropriate public retirement system. The board of trustees of the retirement system
26	shall determine if such conviction and incarceration pursuant thereto applies to any
27	of its members, former members, or retirees.
28	(2) The secretary of state, upon being notified by a United States attorney of
29	a conviction for a federal crime, shall promptly transmit electronically to each public

1	retirement system information pertaining to such conviction if such conviction
2	resulted in incarceration. The board of trustees of the retirement system shall
3	determine if such conviction and incarceration pursuant thereto applies to any of its
4	members, former members, or retirees.

5 (3) Upon a determination by the board of trustees of a public retirement system that a conviction for a crime and incarceration pursuant thereto applies to one 6 7 of its members, former members, or retirees, the system shall suspend such person's 8 monthly benefit for each full month of his incarceration period beginning with the 9 first day of the first full month of his incarceration. Additionally, any lump-sum 10 payments otherwise payable to such person shall not be payable during his 11 incarceration period. Upon release of such person from incarceration he may apply 12 to have his monthly benefits or his right to any lump-sum payment resumed. 13 Monthly payments shall be payable beginning with the first day of the first full 14 month following receipt and approval of his application by the retirement system.

15 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, an 16 incarcerated public servant whose spouse or children are his designated beneficiaries, 17 made pursuant to an optional allowance, shall be considered deceased for purposes 18 of his retirement benefits, and the amount payable to his spouse or children were he 19 deceased shall be payable during the period of his incarceration based upon the 20 option selected at the time of retirement, but in no case shall the amount payable to 21 the spouse or children exceed the benefit that would be payable to the public servant. 22 Upon release of the public servant from incarceration, he may apply to have his 23 monthly benefits resumed. Monthly benefits shall be payable beginning with the 24 first day of the first full month following receipt of his application. If the benefit payable to his spouse or children upon his death would be the balance of the present 25 26 value of his annuity and the beneficiary spouse or children elect to have such balance 27 payable to them, the payment of such balance shall discharge the system of all 28 liability to the public servant.

1	E. Any person subject to suspension of retirement benefits under this Section
2	who has received retirement benefits in excess of the benefits permitted in
3	Subsection B of this Section shall repay the retirement system the amount of the
4	excess benefits plus interest. If such person fails to pay back such amount, the
5	system may bring an action in civil court to recover such amount plus court costs and
6	legal interest from the date of suspension.
7	E. The provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall not apply to any
8	defined contribution plan.
9	G. The provisions of this Section shall supersede any provision of law
10	exempting public retirement benefits from garnishment, attachment, seizure, or other
11	process.
12	H. In the event of an acquittal or final discharge without conviction of any
13	public servant to whom this Section applies, or in the event that such person obtains
14	a final judgment overturning his conviction, the system shall repay to such person
15	all benefits previously suspended in the form of a one-time lump-sum amount.
16	* * *
17	§570. Exemption from execution
18	Any annuity, retirement allowance or benefit, or refund of contributions, or
19	any optional benefit or any other benefit paid or payable to any person under the
20	provisions of this Subpart is exempt from state or municipal tax, and is exempt from
21	levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, except as
22	provided in R.S. 11:293, and is unassignable.
23	* * *
24	§951.3. Pensions, benefits, etc., exemption from seizure
25	The right of a person to a pension, an annuity, or a retirement allowance, to
26	the return of contributions, the pension, annuity, or retirement allowance itself, or
27	any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Part
28	and the money in the various accounts created by this Part shall not be subject to
29	execution, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, except as

1	provided in R.S. 11:293, and shall be unassignable except as specifically provided
2	for in this Part.
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4	§952.3. Exemption of pension and other rights from levy and other processes
5	The right of a person to a retirement allowance, or to the return of
6	contributions; the retirement allowance itself; any optional benefit or any other right
7	accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Part; and the moneys
8	monies in the funds created by this Part are exempt from any state or municipal tax,
9	and exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process
10	whatsoever, except as provided in R.S. 11:293, and shall be unassignable except as
11	otherwise specifically provided in this Part.
12	* * *
13	§1378. Retirement pay or pension; exemption from taxes and execution
14	Any retirement pay or pension paid to any judge or the surviving spouse of
15	any judge under the unfunded judicial retirement plan is exempt from any state or
16	municipal income tax, and is exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment,
17	or any other process whatsoever, except as provided in R.S. 11:293.
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19	§1735. Exemption from execution
20	A. The following items are hereby exempt from any state or municipal tax
21	and from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever
22	as provided in this Chapter, except as provided in R.S. 11:292 and 293: the right of
23	a person to a pension, an annuity, or a retirement allowance, or to the return of
24	contributions, the pension, annuity, or retirement allowance itself, any optional
25	benefit or any other right accrued or accruing to any person, and the moneys monies
26	in various funds created by this Chapter. These enumerated items shall be
27	unassignable, except as in this Chapter specifically otherwise provided. Benefits
28	paid under this Chapter shall be exempt from state income tax. If the contributions
29	of an employee are paid by a municipality in order to secure credit for back service,

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- these funds may be assigned to the municipality until such time as the employee has
 repaid contributions so paid or the municipality has released the contributions so
 paid by written notice to the board of trustees of the Municipal Employees'
 Retirement System.
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6 §1905. Exemption from execution

7 The following items are hereby exempt from any state or municipal tax and 8 from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever as 9 provided in this Chapter, except as provided in R.S. 42:720.21: 11:293: the right of 10 a person to a pension, an annuity, or a retirement allowance, or to the return of 11 contributions, the pension, annuity, or retirement allowance itself, any optional 12 benefit or any other right accrued or accruing to any person, and the moneys monies in various funds created by this Chapter. These enumerated items shall be 13 14 unassignable, except as in this Chapter specifically otherwise provided. Benefits 15 paid under this Chapter shall be exempt from state income tax. If the contributions 16 of an employee are paid by an employer in order to secure credit for service, these 17 funds may be assigned to the employer until such time as the employee has repaid 18 contributions so paid or the employer has released the contributions so paid by 19 written notice to the board.

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21 §3014. Exemptions from execution

The right of a person to an annuity, a retirement allowance, or benefit, or to the return of contributions, or to any optional benefit or any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Part, and the monies in the system created by this Part, is <u>are</u> hereby exempt from any state or municipal tax, and exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, <u>except as provided in R.S. 11:293</u>, and shall be unassignable except as in this Part specifically otherwise provided.

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1	§3051. Assignment prohibited
2	The right of a person to an annuity, a pension or any other benefit or refund,
3	or any right accrued or accruing to any member or beneficiary under the provisions
4	of this system, and the monies belonging to the system, shall be unassignable and
5	shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of
6	bankruptcy, or the insolvency law or any other process of law except as specifically
7	provided by the provisions of this system and in R.S. 11:293, and except that the City
8	city shall have the right to set off funds for any claim arising from embezzlement by
9	or fraud of a member.
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11	§3111. Exemption from seizure and attachment
12	No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the said Firemen's
13	Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by
14	the said Board of Trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the
15	provisions of this Part, be held, seized, or levied upon, by virtue of any attachment,
16	garnishment, execution, or order or decree, or any other process whatsoever, issued
17	out of or by any court, for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any
18	debt, damage, claim, judgment, or decree against any beneficiary of such Fund; but
19	shall be exempt therefrom. That the said The Fund fund shall be kept, held, and
20	distributed for no purposes other than those provided for in this Part.
21	* * *
22	§3140. Exemption from seizure and attachment
23	No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the Firemen's Pension
24	and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by the board
25	of trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the provisions of this Part,
26	be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon, by virtue of any
27	attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order, decree, or any other
28	process whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of this state, for the payment or
29	satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage, demand, claim, judgment, or

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1 decree against any beneficiary of such Fund fund but shall be exempt therefrom. 2 The Fund fund shall be kept, held, and distributed solely for the purposes named in 3 this Part and for no other purposes whatsoever. 4 5 §3198. Exemption from seizure and attachment That Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the said Firemen's 6 7 Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by 8 the said board of trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the 9 provisions of this Part, be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon, 10 by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order, decree, 11 or any other process whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of this state, for the 12 payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, for any debt, damage, demand, claim, judgment, or decree, against any beneficiary of such fund but shall be exempt 13 14 therefrom. That said The fund shall be sacredly kept, held, and distributed for the 15 purposes named in this Part, and for no other purposes whatsoever. 16 17 §3229. Exemption from seizure and attachment No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the Firemen's Pension 18 19 and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by the board 20 of trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the provisions of this Part, 21 be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon, by virtue of any 22 attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order, decree, or any other 23 process whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of this state, for the payment or 24 satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debts, damage, demand, claim, judgment, or decree against any beneficiary of such fund, but shall be exempt therefrom. The 25 26 fund shall be kept, held, and distributed solely for the purposes named in this Part 27 and for no other purposes whatsoever.

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§3321. Exemption from seizure and attachment

2 A. No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the Firemen's 3 Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after any order for distribution is issued by 4 the said board of directors to the person or persons entitled thereto under the provisions of this Part, be held, seized, or levied upon, by virtue of any attachment, 5 garnishment, execution, or order or decree, or any other process whatsoever issued 6 7 out of, or by any court, for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any 8 debt, damage, claim, judgment, or decree against any beneficiary of said fund but 9 shall be exempt therefrom. That the said The fund shall be kept, held, and 10 distributed for no purpose other than those provided for in this Part.

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§3345. Exemption from seizure

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- 13 No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the pension fund shall, 14 before or after its order for distribution is issued by the board of trustees to the 15 person or persons entitled thereto under the provisions of this Part, be held, seized, 16 taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon by virtue of any attachment, 17 garnishment, execution, writ, order, injunction, decree, or any other process 18 whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of the state of Louisiana, for the payment, 19 or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, claim, damage, demand, judgment, 20 or any other decree against any beneficiary of this fund, but shall be exempt 21 therefrom.
- 22 * *
- 23 §3389. Exemption of pension and other rights from levy and other process

The right of a person to a pension, an annuity, a retirement allowance, or to the return of contributions; the pension, annuity, or retirement allowance itself; any optional benefit or any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Part; and the moneys monies in the various funds created by this Part are exempt from any state or municipal tax; and all state income tax, and exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever,

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1	except as provided in R.S. 11:293, and shall be unassignable except as otherwise
2	specifically provided in this Part. The fund shall be sacredly held, kept, and secured
3	and distributed for the purpose of pensioning the persons named in this Part and for
4	the payment of death benefits and for no other purpose whatsoever.
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6	§3408. Exemption from seizure and attachment
7	No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the fireman's pension
8	and relief fund Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund, before or after its order for
9	distribution is issued by the board of trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto
10	under the provisions of this Part, shall be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained,
11	or levied upon, by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ,
12	order, decree, or any other process whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of this
13	state, for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage,
14	demand, claim, judgment, or decree against any beneficiary of such fund, but shall
15	be exempt therefrom. The fund shall be kept, held, and distributed solely for the
16	purposes named in this Part and for no other purposes whatsoever.
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18	§3440. Exemption from seizure and attachment
19	No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the said Firemen's
20	Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by
21	the said Board of Trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the
22	provisions of this Part, be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon,
23	by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order, decree,
24	or any other process whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of this state, for the
25	payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage, demand, claim,
26	judgment, or decree, against any beneficiary of such fund;, but shall be exempt
27	therefrom. The Fund fund shall be sacredly kept, held, and distributed for the
28	purposes named in this Part and for no other purposes whatsoever.
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1	§3470. Exemption from seizure and attachment
2	That Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the said Firemen's
3	Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by
4	the said board of trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the
5	provisions of this Part, be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon,
6	by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order, decree,
7	or any other process whatsoever, issued out of or by any court of this state, for the
8	payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage, demand, claim,
9	judgment, or decree against any beneficiary of such fund;, but shall be exempt
10	therefrom. That said The fund shall be sacredly kept, held, and distributed for the
11	purposes named in this Part, and for no other purposes whatsoever.
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13	§3513. Fund not subject to execution
14	The Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, the fund, or any portion thereof,
15	before or after an order for its distribution is issued, shall be exempt from assignment
16	or pledge by a beneficiary of the fund or from seizure by virtue of any judicial
17	process issued against the beneficiary.
18	* * *
19	§3608. Attachment of fund; exemption from state income tax
20	A. No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the fund shall, before
21	or after the order for distribution is issued by the board of directors to the person or
22	persons entitled thereto under the provisions of this Subpart, be held, seized, or
23	levied upon, by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, or order or decree,
24	or any other process whatsoever, issued out of, or by, any court, for the payment or
25	satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage, claim, judgment, or decree
26	against any beneficiary of such fund, but shall be exempt therefrom. The fund shall
27	be kept, held, and distributed for no purpose other than those provided for in this

1	Subpart. No present or future revision or amendments to the fund shall have the
2	effect of reducing any benefit now in existence.
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4	§3691. Exemption from execution
5	The right of a person to a pension, an annuity, or a retirement allowance, to
6	the return of contributions, the pension, annuity, or retirement allowance itself, any
7	optional benefit or any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the
8	provisions of this Subpart, and the moneys monies in the various funds created by
9	this Subpart, are hereby exempt from any state or municipal tax, and exempt from
10	levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, except as
11	provided in R.S. 11:293, and shall be unassignable except as in this Subpart
12	specifically otherwise provided.
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14	§3770. Exemption from seizure and attachment
15	No Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the said Bus Drivers'
16	Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is issued by
17	the said Board of Trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under the
18	provisions of this Part, be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied upon
19	by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order, decree.
20	of or any other process whatsoever, issued out of or by any Court court of this State
21	state for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage,
22	demand, claim, judgment, or decree, against any beneficiary of such fund, but shall
23	be exempt therefrom. That said The Fund fund shall be sacredly kept, held, and
24	distributed for the purposes named in this Part, and for no other purposes
25	whatsoever.
26	* * *
27	§3800. Exemption from seizure and attachment
28	That no Except as provided in R.S. 11:293, no portion of the said Electrical
29	Workers' Pension and Relief Fund shall, before or after its order for distribution is

1	issued by the said Board of Trustees to the person or persons entitled thereto under
2	the provisions of this Part, be held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied
3	upon by virtue of any attachment, garnishment, execution, injunction, writ, order,
4	decree, or any other process whatsoever, issued out of, or by, any Court court of this
5	State state for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, damage,
6	demand, claim, judgment, or decree, against any beneficiary of such Fund, but shall
7	be exempt therefrom. That said The Fund fund shall be sacredly kept, held, and
8	distributed for the purposes named in this Part, and for no other purposes
9	whatsoever.
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11	§3823. Exemption from execution
12	The right of a person to a pension, an annuity, or a retirement allowance or
13	benefit;, or to the return of contributions;; the pension, annuity, or retirement
14	allowance itself; to any optional benefit; or any other right accrued or accruing to any
15	person under the provisions of this Part or to any person with such rights in the
16	Employees' Retirement System of the city of New Orleans are is exempt from any
17	state or municipal tax and, are except as provided in R.S. 11:293, exempt from levy
18	and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever.
19	Section 2. R.S. 13:3881(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
20	§3881. General exemptions from seizure
21	* * *
22	D.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and in R.S.
23	11:293, the following shall be exempt from all liability for any debt except alimony
24	and child support: all pensions, all tax-deferred arrangements, annuity contracts, and

all proceeds of and payments under all tax-deferred arrangements and annuity
contracts, as defined in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

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- 1 Section 3. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the proposed
- 2 amendment of Article X of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which
- 3 originated as House Bill No. 228 of this 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted
- 4 at the statewide election to be held in 2010 and becomes effective.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Pearson

HB No. 224

Abstract: Provides for the suspension of public retirement benefits by any public servant while incarcerated as a result of a crime committed on or after the effective date of proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the suspension of retirement benefits to any public servant while incarcerated as a result of a crime committed on or after the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>. Requires such person to pay back any funds to the retirement system that he has received in excess of what <u>proposed law</u> allows.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that such public servant shall be considered dead for purposes of retirement benefits; during the incarceration period, his spouse or children shall receive any amounts that they would be entitled to had the public servant died, pursuant to the optional allowance he selected at retirement.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a parish prosecutor shall inform the secretary of DPS&C or the parish sheriff in writing when a conviction has been obtained against a person to whom <u>proposed law</u> may apply. The secretary or sheriff shall then report this information to the appropriate retirement system. Relative to convictions for federal felonies, requires the secretary of state to report information to the retirement system regarding any federal convictions upon which he receives notice from the U.S. attorney for any federal crime resulting in incarceration of a public servant. The retirement system shall determine if any of its members or retirees are the subject of such incarceration and whether <u>proposed law</u> is applicable. The benefit paid to the wife and children of an incarcerated public servant shall not be more than the benefit that the public servant would have received.

<u>Proposed law</u> does not apply to any defined contribution plan.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in the event of an acquittal or discharge without conviction of the public servant, or in the event that his conviction is overturned, the system shall pay back all benefits to the public servant that were suspended during his incarceration.

Various provisions of <u>present law</u> specific to particular public retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds provide that any annuity, retirement allowance or benefit, or refund of contributions, or any optional benefit or any other benefit paid or payable to any person under the provisions of <u>present law</u> is exempt from any state or municipal tax and is exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever and is unassignable. <u>Proposed law</u> is an exception to such provisions.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Art. X of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as HB 228 of the 2010 R.S. is adopted at the statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends the heading of Subpart L of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle I of Title 11 of the L.R.S. of 1950, R.S. 11:570, 951.3, 952.3, 1378, 1735(A), 1905, 3014, 3051, 3111, 3140, 3198, 3229, 3321(A), 3345, 3389, 3408, 3440, 3470, 3513, 3608(A), 3691, 3770, 3800, and 3823, and R.S. 13:3881(D)(1); Adds R.S. 11:293)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Retirement</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Clarified that when a public servant is incarcerated and therefore benefits are paid as if he were dead, for purposes of paying benefits to his spouse and children, the benefit payout to such spouse and children shall be pursuant to the optional allowance he chose at retirement.
- 2. Clarified that the benefit paid to the wife and children of an incarcerated public servant shall not be more than the benefit that the retiree would have received.
- 3. Added provision that in the event of an acquittal or discharge without conviction of the public servant, or in the event that his conviction is overturned, the system shall pay back all benefits to the public servant that were suspended during his incarceration.