

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 30

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

TEACHERS RETIREMENT. Relative to benefits for members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. (6/30/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:721, 761(A)(1)(b), (2), and (3) and 768(A) and (B)(2),
3 relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide relative to
4 membership, contributions, eligibility for and calculation of benefits; to provide for
5 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 11:721, 761(A)(1)(b), (2), and (3) and 768(A) and (B)(2) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §721. Eligibility requirement for membership

11 All teachers shall become members of this system as a condition of ~~their~~
12 employment.

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14 §761. Retirement benefits; application; eligibility requirements; effective date;
15 cancellation; errors and omissions

16 A.(1) Any person who became a member prior to July 1, 1999, may retire
17 upon written application to the board of trustees, if at the time of application the

1 member:

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3 (b) Has ~~credit~~ **earned creditable service** for five years of ~~accredited service~~
4 or has twenty years or more of creditable teaching service regardless of age.

5 (2)(a) Any person who became a member on or after July 1, 1999, may retire
6 upon written request to the board of trustees, if the member:

7 (i) Has attained the age of sixty years and has ~~credit~~ **earned creditable**
8 **service** for five years of ~~accredited service~~; or

9 (ii) Has attained the age of fifty-five years and has ~~credit~~ **earned creditable**
10 **service** for twenty-five or more years of ~~accredited service~~; or

11 (iii) At any age with thirty or more years of ~~accredited~~ **creditable** service.

12 (b) The ~~accredited~~ **creditable** service referenced in Subparagraph (a) of this
13 Paragraph shall not include unused accumulated sick leave and unused accumulated
14 annual leave.

15 (3) Any person whose first employment making him **or her** eligible for
16 membership in one of the state systems occurred on or after January 1, 2011, may
17 retire upon written application to the board of trustees, if at the time of application
18 the member:

19 (a) Has attained the age of sixty years and has ~~credit~~ **earned creditable**
20 **service** for five years of ~~accredited service~~.

21 (b) Has twenty years of **creditable** service ~~credit~~ at any age, exclusive of
22 military service and unused annual and sick leave, but any person retiring under this
23 Subparagraph shall have his benefit, inclusive of military service credit and
24 allowable unused annual and sick leave, actuarially reduced from the earliest age that
25 he would normally become eligible for a regular retirement benefit under
26 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph if he had continued in service to that age. Any
27 member who elects to retire under the provisions of this Subparagraph shall not be
28 eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan provided by R.S.
29 11:786 or the Initial Lump-Sum Benefit option provided by R.S. 11:783.

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§768. Retirement allowances

A.(1) Upon service retirement, a person who became a member prior to July 1, 1999, who retires on or after July 1, 1997, shall receive an annual benefit which provides a total allowance equal to two percent of his or her average earnable compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, plus the sum of three hundred dollars. The referenced additional sum of three hundred dollars shall only be applicable with respect to persons becoming members prior to July 1, 1986.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any member who retires on or after July 1, 1997, who became a member prior to July 1, 1999, and who has attained the age of sixty-five years and has credit for at least twenty years of creditable service, exclusive of military service, unused accumulated sick leave and unused accumulated annual leave, or any of these, or who has attained the age of fifty-five years and has credit for at least twenty-five years of creditable service, exclusive of unused accumulated sick leave and unused accumulated annual leave, or who has credit for at least thirty years of creditable service at any age, exclusive of unused accumulated sick leave and unused accumulated annual leave, shall receive an annual benefit which provides an allowance equal to two and one-half percent of his or her average earnable compensation, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, plus a sum of three hundred dollars. The referenced additional sum of three hundred dollars shall only be applicable with respect to persons becoming members prior to July 1, 1986.

B.(1) * * *

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any person who became a member on or after July 1, 1999, whose first employment making him eligible for membership in one of the state systems occurred on or before December 31, 2010, having twenty years of service credit, exclusive of military service and unused annual and sick leave, but who is less than sixty years

1 of age, may retire but ~~he~~ **the member** shall have his **or her** maximum benefit
2 inclusive of military service credit and allowable unused annual and sick leave
3 actuarially reduced from the earlier of the following:

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5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2012; if vetoed by the
6 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
7 June 30, 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Lauren Bailey.

DIGEST

Proposed law relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) provides for changes in the present law regarding membership, contributions, and eligibility for and calculation of benefits.

Effective June 30, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 11:721, 761(A)(1)(b), (2), and (3), and 768(A) and (B)(2))