

## House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting  
2012 Regular Session  
April 26, 2012

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Pearson, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m. in Committee Room 4, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman  
Representative Nick Lorusso, Vice Chairman  
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann  
Representative Paul B. Hollis  
Representative Sam Jones  
Representative Anthony "Tony" V. Ligi  
Representative Jack Montoucet  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Eugene "Gene" Reynolds  
Representative Alan Seabaugh  
Representative Kirk Talbot

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jeff R. Thompson

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Stephanie Little, Committee Attorney  
Ms. Malerie Cacibauda, Committee Secretary  
Mr. Jonathan Nunley, Clerk  
Ms. Joyce Anthony, Sergeant at Arms

### III. DISCUSSION

#### **House Bill No. 7 by Representative Pearson**

House Bill No. 7 provides for annual reporting to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System on privatized jobs.

Representative Pearson announced that the bill was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 1030 by Representative Talbot**

House Bill No. 1030 prohibits members of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System from remaining in that system after taking a job that is covered by a different retirement system.

Representative Pearson announced that the bill was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 988 by Representative Jones**

Representatives Jones presented House Bill No. 988, which provides for a five-year deferred retirement option plan for certain members of the Firefighters' Retirement System.

Representative Jones, Pearson, and Montoucet asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Mr. Stacy Birdwell, representing the Firefighters' Retirement System, 9021 Aurora Ln., Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 470-1316, spoke in support of the bill.

Mr. Gary Curran, representing G.S. Curran & Co., Ltd., 10555 W. Glenstone Pl. (rest of address not provided), (225) 769-4825, spoke to provide information.

A copy of witness cards of persons in support of the bill but not wishing to speak is attached. (See Exhibit A)

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report House Bill No. 988 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 988 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 2, which provides for attendance of legislative staff at certain executive sessions of public retirement boards.

A copy of witness cards of persons present to provide information on the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit B)

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 2 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 10, which provides for clarification of valuation method application.

Representative Jones asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Mr. Gary Curran, representing G.S. Curran & Co., Ltd., 10555 W. Glenstone Pl. (rest of address not provided), (225) 769-4825, and Ms. Dainna Tully, representing the Parochial Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 14619, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 928-1361, spoke to provide information.

A copy of witness cards of persons in support of the bill but not wishing to speak is attached. (See Exhibit C)

Representative Jones offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 11, relative to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System, which provides for definition of terms.

A copy of witness cards of persons in support of the bill but not wishing to speak and of persons present to provide information on the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit D)

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 11 favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 18, relative to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System, which provides for technical corrections.

Mr. Irwin Felps, representing the Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Hwy., 70809, (225) 978-5243, spoke to provide information for the bill.

Representative Pearson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 18 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 24 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 24, relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System, which provides for compliance with federal tax qualification requirements.

A copy of witness cards of persons present to provide information on the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit E)

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 24 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 24 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 43 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 43, relative to the Assessors' Retirement Fund, which provides for compliance with federal tax qualification requirements and relative to benefits accrued during military service.

A copy of a witness card of one person in support of the bill but not wishing to speak is attached. (See Exhibit F)

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report Senate Bill 43 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 43 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 657 by Senator Long**

Mr. Pete Adams, Louisiana District Attorneys' Association, presented Senate Bill No. 657, which provides relative to the membership of the board of trustees of the District Attorneys' Retirement System, for Senator Long.

Mr. Pete Adams, representing the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association, 1645 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of the bill.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill 657 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 657 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Cortez**

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 20, relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, which allows retired adjunct professors to avoid benefit suspension during reemployment, subject to an earnings limitation.

A copy of witness cards of persons in support of the bill but not wishing to speak and of persons present to provide information on the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit G)

Representative Reynolds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 20 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 19 by Senator Cortez**

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 19, which provides relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. and provides relative to certain retirees reemployed as substitute teachers.

Representative Hoffmann offered a set of amendments to remove proposed repeal of the provision making a member who retired between May 1, 2009, and June 30, 2012, eligible to return to work as a retired teacher, to make changes to the application of the salary restriction when a member is rehired under more than one provision with a salary restriction, and to make technical changes. Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

A copy of witness cards of persons in support of the bill but not wishing to speak and of persons present to provide information on the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit H)

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 19 with amendments, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 19 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 31 by Senator Heitmeier**

Representative Leger presented Senate Bill No. 31 for Senator Heitmeier, relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, which provides for purchase of service credit and membership in the system, for Senator Heitmeier.

Representative Pearson offered a technical amendment and offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which there was no objection. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

Representative Jones asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Mr. Franklin Endom, Belle Chasse Academy, 1111 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 343-1848, spoke in support of the bill.

A copy of witness cards of persons present to provide information on the bill if requested is attached. (See Exhibit I)

Representative Pearson offered a motion to report Senate Bill 31 with amendments, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 31 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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