

## **House Committee on Retirement**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
April 13, 2018

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, chairman  
Representative Mark Abraham  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Sam Jones, vice chairman  
Representative Gregory A. Miller

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Barry Ivey

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Annie Smith, attorney  
Jennifer Watson, secretary

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Paul Richmond, actuarial services manager, office of the legislative auditor  
Andrew Bougard, clerk  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 37 by Representative Terry Brown**

Representative Terry Brown presented House Bill No. 37, which 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.

Jack Montoucet, secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill 37.

Cole Garrett, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 37.

Representative Abraham offered a motion to report House Bill No. 37 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 37 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 13 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 13, which provides relative to the reemployment of retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 13 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 13 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Representative Gregory Miller in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 696 by Representative Pearson**

Representative Pearson presented House Bill No. 696, which provides relative to reemployment of retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Pearson offered amendments to change proposed law regarding the position affected from presenter for professional development training to a tutor for any student in pre-kindergarten

through 12th grade. Representative Pearson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Representative Abraham offered a motion to report House Bill No. 696 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 696 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Carpenter, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The committee recessed at 9:39 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

*Vice chairman Sam Jones in the chair.*

### **House Bill No. 14 by Representative Smith**

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 14, which provides relative to the reemployment of retired interpreters, educational transliterators, and certified educators of the hearing impaired in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Bacala offered amendments to:

1. Allow all retirees to return to work without earning limitation five years after retirement.
2. Add pre-kindergarten teachers to list of critical shortage positions, eligible for reemployment without earning limitation.
3. Add clerical office personnel to list of positions eligible for reemployment with 25% earning limitation.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Representative Jones offered amendments to change references in the bill from "hearing impaired" to "deaf or hard of hearing". Representative Jones offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Jay Isch for Melodie Sparks, Deaf Focus, 4332 Rhoda Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 319-5586 spoke in support of House Bill No. 14.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 14 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 14 was reported with amendments by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, Jones, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman J. Kevin Pearson  
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: