

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System
Legislative Committee Meeting
May 22, 2015**

The Legislative Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Friday, May 22, 2015, in the fourth floor conference room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Judge William Kleinpeter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Roll was called by Abby Partin, recording secretary.

Members present: Mr. Afranie Adomako (designee of the Commissioner), Mr. Ron Henson (designee of the Treasurer), Ms. Janice Lansing, Judge William Kleinpeter, Ms. Barbara McManus, Ms. Shannon Templet

Members absent: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Connie Carlton, Ms. Beverly Hodges, Ms. Lori Pierce, Ms. Kathy Singleton, Senator Elbert Guillory, Representative Kevin Pearson

Staff present: Ms. Maris LeBlanc, Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Ms. Cindy Taylor, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Mr. Lance Armstrong, Information Technology Director; Ms. Tonja Normand, Public Information Director; Mr. Trey Roche, Attorney; Mr. Chris Walters, Policy Planner; Ms. Casey Jackson, Accountant Manager; Ms. Abby Partin, recording secretary

Also present: Ms. Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster, Mr. Charles Hall, Hall Actuarial, Mr. Frank Jobert, RSEA

A quorum was not present.

Public Comment

Judge Kleinpeter called for public comment. Ms. LeBlanc thanked Mr. Henson and Mr. Adomako for attending the meetings.

New Business

Ms. LeBlanc gave an update on the bills impacting LASERS:

HB 33 – Berthelot**Position Taken: Support, insofar as it reduces debt****Systems Impacted:** All systems covering agencies that issue litter citations

Increases littering fines and distributes 50 percent of the fines to the retirement system of the law enforcement agency issuing the litter citation. The funds shall be applied to the oldest outstanding positive amortization base of the system.

- House Natural Resources and Environment – Reported Favorably 4/29
- House Floor – Passed 90-2
- Senate Environmental Quality – Reported Favorably 5/12
- Senate Finance – Scheduled to be heard on Monday, May 25

HB 42 – Jones**Position Taken: Support****Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Authorizes a COLA of up to 1.5 percent (based on the amount of funds available in the Experience Account) for LASERS retirees and beneficiaries.

- House Retirement – Failed to Report 4/30
- House Floor, by vote of 65-25, directed House Retirement Committee to report by 5/14/2015
- House Retirement to hear 5/14 – Reported Unfavorably
- House Floor – Set for debate on Tuesday, May 26

HB 45 – Pearson**Position Taken: Neutral****Systems Impacted:** LASERS

Provides that membership is optional for persons age 62 or older at the time of employment, consistent with the age sixty-two retirement eligibility for new hires after July 1, 2015.

- House Retirement – Reported Favorably 4/22
- House Floor – Returned to Calendar, Subject to Call

HB 46 – Reynolds**Position Taken: Neutral****Systems Impacted:** LASERS

Provides relative to benefits for minor children of certain wildlife agents in the enforcement division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; changes all of the references to children under the age of 18, and will instead refer to minor children, which includes unmarried full-time students under the age of 23.

- House Retirement – Reported Favorably 4/30
- House Floor – Passed 100-0
- Senate Retirement – Reported Favorably
- Senate Floor

HB 55 – Ritchie**Position Taken: Support, insofar as it reduces debt****SB 15 – Nevers****Systems Impacted:** LASERS and TRSL

Constitutional Amendment - Levies a tax on the use of hydrocarbon processing facilities and dedicates a portion of the tax proceeds to payment of the IUAL of LASERS and TRSL (\$250 Million per year allocated proportionally based on the UAL of each system).

HB 55 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Ways and Means 	SB 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Rev and Fisc
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HB 562 – Havard**Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Requires the Revenue Estimating Conference to designate certain general fund money from mineral revenue as nonrecurring and requires that such money be spent on payments towards the UAL.

- House Appropriations – Schedule to be heard on Tuesday, May 26

HB 762 – Talbot**Systems Impacted:** LASERS

Repeals a number of funds, including R.S. 11:545 (Department of Public Safety Peace Officers Fund), which provides funds for payment of the actuarial liability associated with the increased accrual rate for certain Peace Officers (Act 414 of 2007).

- House Appropriations – voluntarily deferred

HB 800 – Fannin**Systems Impacted:** LASERS and TRSL

Appropriates funds to LASERS and TRSL to be applied to the IUALs of the systems in accordance with Article 7, Section 10(D)(2)(b)(ii) of the Constitution.

- House Appropriations – Reported with Amendments
- House Floor – Passed 75--22

HCR 57 – Montoucet**Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Suspends all individual income tax credits, deductions, exclusions, and exemptions.

- House Ways and Means
- Rep. Montoucet has stated he does not intend to pursue.

HCR 71 – Fannin**Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Suspends all individual income tax exclusions, exemptions, deductions, and credits.

- House Ways and Means

SB 14 – Guillory**Position Taken: Neutral****Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Includes noninvestment related administrative expenses in calculating the required employer contribution rate.

- Senate Retirement

SB 16 – Guillory**Position Taken: Support****Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Clarifies provisions created in Act 399 of 2014 regarding excess investment earnings, employer contributions and COLAs.

- Senate Retirement – Reported Favorably 4/20
- Senate – Passed 33-1
- House Retirement to hear 5/14 – Reported Favorably
- House Floor – Scheduled to heard on Thursday, May 28

SCR 2 – Adley**Position Taken:****Systems Impacted:** State Systems

Suspends from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, certain exclusions, exemptions, deductions, or credits against the individual income tax.

- Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs

HCR 159 – Pearson

Would establish a Task Force on State Retirement System Sustainability.

- House Retirement

The meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Other Business

There was no further business to discuss.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.