



LOUISIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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2022 Louisiana Legislative Preview

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Join LRTA on the "Road to a COLA!" Legislative Landscape 2022

By: Rodney R. Watson

The 2022 Regular Legislative Session convened on March 14, and legislators must complete their work by June 6. Even-numbered years are considered general sessions, which are subject to all legislative instruments but must be non-fiscal in nature. Additionally, legislation related to retirement must meet advertisement and pre-filing requirements. There were 14 public notices with intent to file retirement legislation advertised between December 2021 and January 2022. The pre-file deadline for retirement legislation was January 28.

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At this writing, nine instruments have been pre-filed that specifically pertain to retired educators and/or the retirement system. However, legislators may still drop in additional bills that could broaden the number of retirement bills LRTA will monitor on behalf of our membership.

The most important facet of this legislative session is the prospect of a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) or permanent benefit increase (PBI).

Because of record breaking investments, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) has deposited enough funds to the Experience Account to support a COLA for qualifying retirees. In addition, the funding level of TRSL has surpassed 70 percent. Therefore, this will be a 2 percent COLA, an increase from the 1.5 percent COLA retired teachers received in 2016. Senate Bill 6 by Senator Ed Price will begin its path for legislative approval.

Now that the COLA bill has been pre-filed, it is time for advocacy!

LRTA has kicked off our "Road to a COLA" advocacy campaign.

Our goal is to garner support from the retirement committees and, ultimately, seek full approval from the legislature. If you or someone you know has not yet

joined LRTA, it is important to do so to participate in this campaign. The larger our membership, the louder our voice. This will ensure greater success in winning legislative approval!

There are several ways you can be a part of this campaign and make your voice heard. On page 5 of this newsletter, you will find details about our Golden Letter writing activity. Using the page provided, I encourage you to write to your legislators to ask for their SUPPORT of SB 6. Mailing our "golden letters" will send a strong, unified voice to legislators to support a COLA for Louisiana's retired teachers. If writing letters is not your style, make sure to register for VoterVoice and join the Email Club for "Action Alerts!" Instructions for these steps can be found on the back of this newsletter.

LRTA will notify you throughout the session with instructions on who to contact and talking points on why legislators should support SB 6. For instance, many elected officials assume COLAs are paid for with state funds. In fact, COLAs are "no cost" to the state because COLAs are entirely funded with excess earnings from the retirement system's investments.

In addition to the COLA bill, LRTA will also keep a careful eye on HB 259 by Rep. Tanner Magee and HB 405 by Rep. Mark Wrgiht. HB 405 calls for a constitutional convention. HB 259 calls for only a limited constitutional convention, but Article X of the Louisiana Constitution (which contains the lifetime benefit guarantee for retirees) is included in the call. LRTA is opposed to constitutional conventions that include Article X because of the potential to remove this guarantee. LRTA will keep members updated on this legislation through the LRTA Email Club, Facebook page and website (www.lrta.net). LRTA will also track return to work legislation, potential changes to our retirement plan (which could include a hybrid plan), and other technical bills that have ramifications for retirees in Louisiana.

On the national front, LRTA and other agencies have worked with State Representative Mike Johnson, Congressman Garret Graves and other legislators to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The GPO and WEP unfairly penalize Louisiana's retired teachers by reducing or eliminating their spousal Social Security benefit or their own Social Security benefit. Our State Legislative Chair, Clyde Hamner recently attended meetings in Washington D.C. to advocate for the full repeal of these provisions through H.R. 82 and S. 1302. Please contact your congressional representatives and senators and ask for their continued support. Go to www.lrta.net, select Advocacy Center and click on Take Action to find more information on these two important bills.

I hope you will join us for the LRTA Spring Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, LA from April 25-26.

We have an informative and interactive agenda planned for our members and hope to provide additional legislative updates at the meeting. We are pleased to be able to hold this meeting in person! Currently, attendance is limited to the first 100 registrants. Registration and meeting details are included in this newsletter.

LRTA remains committed to lobbying on all matters that affect your retirement benefits. Your participation as an advocate, particularly this year, will ensure success. Again, join LRTA, join the Email Club and join the Advocacy bus as we travel the road to success!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rodney R. Watson".

Rodney R. Watson
LRTA Executive Director



It was an honor to have served as LRTA President these past two years. I will say, it was not easy leading a state organization through a pandemic. My pre-pandemic goals were to get our members more active legislatively to improve our political strength. Since we couldn't meet in person, it became evident that we would have to adapt how we would achieve these goals. While the strategies were not what I originally envisioned, I am proud of what we have accomplished since 2020.

Despite the difficulties, our amazing staff and hard-working board never faltered during the pandemic.

In the beginning, we conducted virtual meetings (which had not been done prior to 2020) that actually allowed us to meet more frequently. This was crucial as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to change. We also recorded remote messages to the membership and provided support to District presidents and local Unit presidents with regular communication during a time of uncertainty. Even though many of us have not met in person since the spring of 2020, LRTA continued to gain new members. Sadly, we also lost many members over the past

few years at an unprecedented rate. We will continue to keep these members and their families in our prayers.

Under my leadership, we saw a bill pass during the 2021 Regular Session that provided a hardship cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to retired teachers living below the poverty level. Our most crucial effort now is our campaign for Senate Bill 6 by Senator Ed Price, which will provide for a COLA that will benefit a broader group of retirees. We are working very closely with the retirement system to do everything in our power to keep our members informed and reach out to legislators to effectively express our needs. LRTA will also provide ways for members to become involved in the process so that the Legislature will pass this bill! We were also successful in opposing bills that would have a negative impact on the retirement system (such as raising the retirement eligibility age for new hires).

We have seen more progress and participated in more endeavors than ever before to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). I have overseen Executive and Legislative Committee meetings with Congressman Garret Graves and Congresswoman Julia Letlow and participated in activities with State Representative Mike Johnson to garner support for the repeal. I would like to thank the Louisiana delegation and our state legislators for joining the fight to repeal these unfair provisions.

For two years in a row, LRTA has been the recipient of the We Care Grant through AARP. These grants provided the infrastructure for

LRTA to continue to operate through the pandemic when staff worked partly in the office and remotely. The grants also allowed LRTA to expand our member services to include more digital options, such as the electronic newsletter and VoterVoice. These options have grown popular and have become a timely and convenient service to our members.

As this is my final newsletter article, I would like to thank the staff, Executive Board and all LRTA members for the support. I look forward to working with the Executive Board and Executive Committee further as Immediate Past President. I also look forward to welcoming new board members and state officers at our Spring Meeting in April.

We have incredible people working hard for us in local Units and Districts across the state, and I encourage everyone to become involved.

But, even if you don't want to actively be involved, your membership is important! Please encourage others, particularly new retirees, to join so we, as the only organization solely devoted to serving retired teachers, can continue to protect our well-earned pensions while

STRIVING TO MAKE OUR RETIREMENT YEARS GREAT!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Janis M. Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'J' and 'H'.

Janis M. Hernandez
LRTA State President



Bills to Watch in the 2022 Regular Session

The deadline to pre-file retirement bills was January 28. Provided below is a list of retirement bills and other legislation LRTA will monitor and/or track during the 2022 Regular Session (as of March 4, 2022). The listing also provides the anticipated position LRTA will recommend taking on each of the bills. It is expected that other bills, and possibly some resolutions, will be added to this list of legislation to be monitored by LRTA once the session begins. For an up-to-date list of bills LRTA is tracking, visit www.lrta.net/bills.

The 2022 Regular Legislative Session begins at noon on Monday, March 14, and the legislature must complete its work by 6 p.m. on Monday, June 6.

Bill No.	Author (Rep. or Senator)	What is the bill about?	LRTA Recommended Position
HB 22	Rep. Rick Edmonds	Proposes to amend the provision governing the 2020 return-to-work (RTW) law to increase the earnings limit under Option 1 from 25 percent of the retiree's final average compensation (FAC) to 50 percent of the retiree's FAC. The proposed increase would apply to retirees who returned to work prior to December 31, 2021 and would be repealed July 1, 2025.	Neutral
HB 25	Rep. Danny McCormick	Proposes to prohibit state retirement systems from investing in companies having policies that prohibit investing in energy companies, doing business with energy companies, and entering into contracts with energy companies or with any class or group of companies within the energy sector. This would restrict systems' abilities to invest in specific companies.	Oppose
HB 26	Rep. Troy Romero	Proposes to amend the provision governing the 2020 return-to-work (RTW) law to increase the earnings limit under Option 1 from 25 percent of the retiree's final average compensation (FAC) to 50 percent of the retiree's FAC. There would be no time limit with this bill.	Neutral
HB 29	Rep. Richard Nelson	(Constitutional Amendment) To require the legislature to appropriate no less than 50 percent of nonrecurring state revenues (surplus) for application to certain state retirement system unfunded accrued liability (UAL) beginning fiscal year 2023-2024.	Support
HB 30	Rep. Larry Frieman	Repeals the 2010 RTW law and create a new RTW law that would authorize the return to work of retirees in K-12 positions without the suspension or reduction of retirement benefits. This bill also authorizes that neither the retiree nor the employer shall make contributions to the system and the retiree shall not earn service credit. This would create potentially higher costs to the employer and/or the retirement system.	Oppose
HB 31	Rep. Phillip Tarver	(Constitutional Amendment) To dedicate the lesser of \$50 million or the balance of surplus money leftover after allocations are made for payments against retirement system debt and for the Budget Stabilization Fund to state retirement systems for supplemental benefit payments for eligible retirees. Retirees, beneficiaries or survivors must have been receiving a benefit by June 30 of the previous fiscal year in order to be eligible for the lump sum payment.	Support
HB 32	Rep. Phillip Tarver	This is a companion bill for House Bill 31. Requires the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC) to certify and report to the legislature the number of persons in each state system who are eligible for the supplemental benefit after the committee adopts the official valuations for the state public retirement systems.	Support
HB 259	Rep. Tanner Magee	Calls a limited constitutional convention to convene on Aug. 1, 2022, to be composed of 120 delegates, appointed from congressional districts by the speaker of the House, president of the Senate, governor, and chief justice of the supreme court. Requires convention to complete draft of proposed constitution by July 1, 2023. Although limited in nature, Article X of the Louisiana Constitution (which contains the lifetime benefit guarantee for TRSL retirees) is included in the call.	Oppose
HB 405	Rep. Mark Wright	Calls a constitutional convention preceded by plan for the convention and a draft proposed constitution by an Planning and Drafting Committee. Calls convention to convene on July 8, 2024, to be composed of 132 delegates, 105 elected from representative districts and 27 appointed. Requires convention to complete a new constitution by June 1, 2026.	Oppose
HB 592	Rep. Jerome Zeringue	Makes a supplemental payment toward the Initial Unfunded Accrued Liability (IUAL) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.	Support
SB 6	Senator Ed Price	Grants a 2 percent permanent benefit increase (PBI), also known as a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), to eligible retirees and beneficiaries of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). <u>Eligible retirees must be at least age 60 and retired for one year.</u>	Support
SB 10	Senator Jay Morris and Senator Jay Luneau	Allows optional retirement plan (ORP) participants to transfer into the TRSL Defined Benefit (DB) plan for a limited period of time. The proposed law would terminate on June 30, 2028.	No Position

Send your **GOLDEN LETTERS** Today!

A hand-written letter can make a huge impact on legislators. Letters are another physical reminder of how their constituents want them to act or vote on a certain issue. Let's remind our legislators to SUPPORT Senate Bill 6 by Senator Ed Price, which would provide a 2 percent COLA to TRSL retirees. Take a moment to write your Golden Letter today!

Here's what to do:

1. Use the Golden Letter template on the back of this page. Carefully tear or cut out this page to write on.
2. Fill out your name and address information at the top of the page.
3. In your letter, you may want to include the following information:
 - COLAs are NOT funded through the state general fund. COLAs are funded through excess investment earnings.
 - Granting a COLA will not disrupt any of the pension reforms the legislature has enacted.
 - Share your personal story! Discuss how a COLA would impact you.
4. Mail your letters to the appropriate legislator. Not sure who your Senator or Representative is? Go to legis.la.gov and click on "Who Are My Legislators?" You will be redirected to a webpage where you can look up your legislators' contact information.

Check out the COLA: Fact v. Fiction below for other talking points you may want to include in your letter.

Since the COLA will begin the legislative process in the Senate Chamber, send your letter to your Senator first. Make sure you are signed up for the LRTA Email Club so you will receive Action Alerts when it is time to make other contacts. Or, check the LRTA Facebook page and website, www.lrta.net, regularly for the LRTA Legislative Updates. If you need another Golden Letter page, templates and other resources will be available to download at www.lrta.net/roadtoacola.

COLA: Fact v. FICTION

FICTION: Money that should be used to pay down the debt is going toward the COLA.



FACT: TRSL is continuing to make debt payments regularly, paying down both the interest and principal.



Funding for COLAs comes from the excess investment earnings of the retirement system credited to the Experience Account. Experience Accounts are accounts created by the Legislature and designated solely for holding funds to pay COLAs. Funding COLAs does not "take away" from any payments toward the UAL or debt. In fact, more excess investment earnings are now directed toward reducing the UAL before crediting the Experience Account.

In 2021, TRSL reduced the UAL balance by \$1 billion. In addition, the funded status of TRSL has jumped from 67.9 percent to 71.8 percent and assets are at an all-time high of \$26.9 billion. TRSL has continued to make regular debt payments, which has led to the positive financial position of the retirement system. The initial unfunded accrued liability (IUAL) is scheduled to be paid off by 2029.



LOUISIANA RETIRED
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 6

LRTA Member Name

Address, City, State and Zip Code

Dear

Sincerely,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA'S RETIRED TEACHERS!

2022 LRTA SPRING MEETING

It's time to "Spring into Action!" The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association will host its Spring Meeting from April 25-26 at the Embassy Suites on 4914 Constitution Ave. in Baton Rouge.

The LRTA Executive Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25 with the pre-convention dinner following at 6:30 p.m. The General Session begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Katherine Whitney, director of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, will present at this session. LRTA will also host an advocacy and letter-writing activity to follow.

In-person attendance will be limited to the first 100 guests to register. Masks are recommended but optional for all guests. A registration form for in-person attendance can be found on page 8 of this newsletter. Or, you may register online at www.lrta.net/springmeeting.

Additional seats for in-person attendance may become available if health and safety restrictions change in correlation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Any additional seats will be advertised on the LRTA website (www.lrta.net) and Facebook page. Members of the LRTA Email Club will also receive email notification of any additional seats.

Registration for the conference is free. On-site registration will NOT be available. Registration for the LRTA Spring Meeting ends on April 13, unless capacity is met prior to this date. In addition, the Embassy Suites is offering a room rate of \$99 a night for those attending in person. The cut-off date for this special rate is April 11, unless the hotel sells out prior to this date. Information about hotel reservations, along with the Spring Meeting agenda, can be found at www.lrta.net/springmeeting.

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**SPRING
into ACTION!**

2022 SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM (IN PERSON ATTENDANCE)

Please use this form to register to attend the 2022 Spring Meeting. In-person attendance will be limited to the first 100 who register. You must provide an operating telephone number and/or email address in order for the state office to contact you regarding your registration. The state office will call or email to confirm your registration for the meeting or if capacity is met for the meeting.

Additional seats for in-person attendance may become available if health and safety restrictions change in correlation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Any additional seats will be advertised on the LRTA website (www.lрта.net) and Facebook page. Members of the LRTA Email Club will also receive email notification of any additional seats.

Each person pre-registering and/or reserving a meal ticket should return a separate form in order to receive a registration packet. To make a reservation for the pre-convention banquet on Monday, April 25, please indicate in the space provided and send a check for the appropriate amount. Checks can be made to "LRTA." Guests may use the form in order to receive a registration packet (photocopies accepted).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

*Telephone: (_____) _____ *Email address: _____

___ Attendance only, no fee

___ Number of tickets for Pre-Convention Dinner (\$34 enclosed)=
(Roasted Pork Loin with Honey Dijon Demi Glaze)

\$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

By registering to attend the 2022 Spring Meeting, registrants understand and contend to abide by the safety protocols to be implemented at the meeting. Registrants may be subject to the following protocols, which include but are not limited to:

- Masks
- Social Distancing
- All hotel health and safety measures

The health and safety of our members are top priorities for both LRTA and the hotel venue. These protocols were put in place in order to ensure the safest environment possible for our guests, many of whom are at risk for COVID-19. If you do not feel well, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days, or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days, please cancel your hotel and meeting reservations and stay home.

Note: On-site registration will not be available. Registration must be received in the LRTA office by **April 13**, unless capacity is met prior to this date. No meal reservations will be taken by phone. **NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 20**. Mail forms and checks to LRTA 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

*= Required information

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Retired Teachers
September 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

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Mable Augustus – Chalmette
Dimitri C. Barton – New Orleans
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Stanley Cruthirds – New Orleans
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Marge M. Gillard – New Orleans
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Gail Gorman – New Orleans
Paul Granberry – Chalmette
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Yolanda L. Isidore – New Orleans
Mercedes Jackson – New Orleans
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Javetta M. Scott – New Orleans
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Octave V. Bernard – Thibodaux
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Marie J. Bush – LaPlace
Ophelia R. Camel – Marrero
Jane K. Carcich – Kenner
Joan N. Casey – Harahan
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Carolyn S. Champagne – Metairie
Daryl S. Childress – Jefferson

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John T. Empey – Metairie
Russell J. Falgoust – Vacherie
Linda K. Ferrara – Metairie
Elouise M. A. Fiffie – Vacherie
Joan M. Florez – Metairie
Luke Ford Jr. – Thibodaux
Beverly A. Foret – Chauvin
Larry J. Frank – Thibodaux
Lonnie Gaines – Reserve
Paula Garza – Cut Off
Ella Goudia – Garyville
Annie L. Guidry – Galliano
Barbara E. Hall – Metairie
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Irma S. Harvey – Kenner
Emmalene K. Hebert – Thibodaux
Ethel M. Henderson – Kenner
Lucille H. Himel – Houma
Ruth L. Horn – Hahnville
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Jo Ann M. Jacobsen – Gretna
Cynthia B. Jessie – Vacherie
Marian H. Jones – Houma
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Beverly Vial – Hahnville
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Albert Bodker – Ponchatoula
Janet D. Bohannon – Slidell
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Mildred Camp – Franklinton
Pamela Corley – Denham Springs
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Emile Gardette – Covington
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Douglas F. Horne – Bogalusa
Joseph Hotard Jr. – Denham Springs
Ethel J. Istre – Folsom
Gordon Johnson – Madisonville
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Claudea Landry – Ponchatoula
Dinah M. Laurent – Lacombe
Janice W. Lefevre – Covington
Margie S. Lindahl – Slidell
Edward A. Logan – Husser
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Cuba F. Mangus – Slidell
Pauline F. Martin – Bush
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Mary Edith Smith – Tickfaw
Linda S. Sorrell – Denham Springs
Patsy L. Story – Holden
Eva P. Templet – Denham Springs
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Lynwood Vaughn – Bogalusa
Shirley G. Westmoreland – Ponchatoula
Genevieve Wheeler – Mandeville
Diane B. Wild – Slidell
Marilyn R. Williams – Bogalusa
Regina Williams – Franklinton
Robert E. Williamson – Hammond
Rita Wood – Angie
Marvell M. Woods – Livingston
Claude A. Yarborough – Pearl River

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