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## Results of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session

The 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana legislature ended at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2012. Provided below is a list of bills monitored by LRTA that were passed

### House Bills and Resolutions

#### House Bill No. 61

by Representative J. Kevin Pearson

This bill creates a cash balance retirement plan for employees hired by an institution of postsecondary education on or after January 1, 2013 who do not elect to join the optional retirement plan. Members employed in K-12 classrooms will have the opportunity to make an irrevocable decision to move from the defined benefit plan to the cash balance plan. Upon retirement, the employee account can be annuitized.

- LRTA opposed this legislation.

Passed by the House Retirement Committee on April 12, 2012. Passed by the House of Representatives on May 2, 2012 with amendments to provide for disability and survivor benefits. Amended and passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on May 14, 2012, and recommitted to the Senate Finance Committee. Amendments adopted by the Senate Finance Committee remove the provision that allows current members of the defined benefit plan to transfer into the cash balance plan, and establishes a new implementation date of July 1, 2013. Passed by the Senate Finance Committee on May 15, 2012. Passed by the Senate on May 17, 2012. Senate amendments rejected by the House of Representatives on May 24, 2012. The bill was committed to a conference

committee. The conference committee report was adopted by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 30, 2012. Enrolled and sent to the governor on May 31, 2012.

Becomes Act No. 483.

#### House Bill No. 134

by Representative James Fannin

This bill provides appropriations for the operation of state agencies that self-generate operating funds. The appropriation for the Office of Group Benefits is found on page 4 of the bill. The amount recommended provides funding for the staff to continue the PPO plan through December 31, 2012, at which time, the administration plans to contract program administration to a third party administrator.

- LRTA opposed the privatization of the PPO plan offered by OGB, and opposed the provisions in House Bill No. 134 regarding the budget reduction.

Passed by the House Committee on Appropriations on May 7, 2012. No additional funding was restored for Office of Group Benefits staff associated with the operation of the PPO. Passed by the House of Representatives on May 17, 2012. Passed by the Senate on May 31, 2012. Enrolled and sent to the governor on June 4, 2012.

#### House Bill No. 1131

Representative J. Kevin Pearson

This bill provides for the calculation of individual employer contribution rates for plans covered by TRSL: Teacher Regular (K-12), School Lunch-Plan A,

School Lunch-Plan B, Postsecondary Education, and other specialty plans that may be provided for a sub-group of the plan in the future. Currently, only one blended rate is computed for all plans.

- LRTA monitored this legislation.

Passed by the House Retirement Committee on April 12, 2012. Passed by the House of Representatives on May 9, 2012. Passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on May 21, 2012. Passed by the Senate on May 31, 2012. Enrolled and sent to the governor on June 3, 2012.

#### House Concurrent Resolution No. 57

by Representative Frank Hoffman

This resolution memorialized the United States Congress to consider eliminating the provisions of federal law (Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision) which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from state pension systems.

- LRTA supported this resolution.

Passed by the House on March 27, 2012. Passed by the Senate on March 29, 2012.

#### House Concurrent Study Resolution No. 3

by Representative J. Kevin Pearson

The resolution requests the House and the Senate Retirement Committees to jointly study alternative funding mechanisms for cost-of-living adjustments for retired members of the state retirement systems.

- LRTA supported this resolution.

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## From the Desk of the President



**Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn**

Since this is my first newsletter entry, I want to thank each of you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your president for this bien-nium. I consider it an honor to have been given the opportunity to serve each of you. My time and efforts will be used in representing retired educators in a manner to defend each of your earned rights and privileges, to the best of my ability. You have elected an excellent slate of officers, and I look forward to working with them on your behalf.

The 2012 Regular Legislative Session has been historical in many ways. It should be no surprise to any of us that changes on the education front were forthcoming because Governor Jindal emphasized that in the platform for his re-election campaign. He has been successful in getting most of his initiatives through the legislature and the BESE board. Education reform is here, and only time will tell if it is good or bad for the children of Louisiana. Refer to Graig Luscombe's column. He will review legislation related to state retirees and specifically retired educators. Even though we have spent considerable time in attending committee meetings and communicating

with legislators, we were unable to influence them to change their focus from some of the governor's initiatives. Our cost-of-living package requesting some consideration for a PBI for retired educators, sponsored by Sen. Gerald Long, was amended and passed by the Senate Retirement Committee. It was then referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it was deferred due to the state budget crisis that is impacting many agencies and groups. As of this statement, the privatization of OGB is still uncertain, but we must hold out hope that whatever happens will neither create an increase in premiums or co-pays for retirees, nor decrease benefit coverage. Fortunately, K-12 retirees have not been "on the radar" this year, but there are concerns about future years. I feel optimistic in believing that current retirees are secure with their other current benefits, but increases in benefits will only be available when there is financial growth in our own TRSL, or by legislative changes that we could influence by increasing our awareness, visibility, and strength as an organization.

The LRTA Executive Committee will be meeting in Baton Rouge on Monday, June 11, 2012 where I will share my ideas on increasing our awareness, visibility, influence, and strength. I will share these ideas, and plans for implementing them with each of you in the next newsletter. It will not be possible for the Executive Committee alone to accomplish our goals, but each of you must take ownership by committing to becoming part of an organization too strong to be ignored. Our responsibility is to show you how to help accomplish the goals of LRTA by giving you

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## Executive Director's Report



**Graig A. Luscombe**

The 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana legislature ended at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, June 4. On behalf of the officers and the executive board, I want to thank all of you who contacted members of your legislative delegation on our issues. Overall, many of the bills that were supported by LRTA were passed by the legislature, and many of the bills that were opposed by LRTA were not enacted into law. Those that passed include:

Senate Bill Nos. 19 and 20, which allow retired educators to return to work as substitute teachers in pre-K through 12 classrooms, in adult education and literacy classes and as adjunct professors. Both bills require that those returning to

work be retired for at least 12 months in order to receive retirement benefits while they are working. The bills also allow retirees to earn up to 25% of their gross retirement benefit in any given fiscal year (July 1-June 30). If earnings exceed the 25% limit, then the amount over-earned must be returned to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) in the form of a reduced benefit by the amount of over-earnings in the following fiscal year. Senate Bill No. 19 dealing with pre-K through 12 substitutes has been signed into law and is now Act No. 297. Senate Bill No. 20 pertaining to adjunct professor positions at our institutions of higher education has also been signed into law and is now Act No. 228.

Senate Bill No. 1, which was sponsored by Senator Gerald Long on behalf of LRTA, was deferred by the Senate Finance Committee. This bill would have altered the mechanism by which TRSL may grant future permanent benefit increases to retirees in order to allow TRSL to provide PBIs on a more frequent basis. LRTA will pursue this legislation again next year.

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## Welcome LRTA's Newest Members

The officers, the executive board members, and the LRTA staff extend a hearty welcome to our newest members. Through a program developed by Dr. John Foster, former LRTA president and Dr. Jesse Scott, immediate past first vice-president and LRTA Membership Committee chair, LRTA now has 5,369 new associate members. The program was implemented state-wide by the LRTA District and Unit presidents who were aided by many volunteers. The total of LRTA associate members as December 31, 2011 was 5,941.

Dr. Scott joins all of the members of the LRTA Membership Committee in expressing grateful appreciation to all of the LRTA folks involved with the recruitment program. A special thank you goes out to all of the parish and city school superintendents, principals and other local school system employees who also played a role in the recruitment of this cadre of new members. Most important, Dr. Jesse Scott expresses his personal welcome to all of the active teachers who made a commitment to LRTA. They have joined forces with their retired colleagues in furthering the association's mission to represent the interests of the retired education community in monitoring, protecting and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity, independence and overall quality of life.

### From the Desk of the President

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the tools to become informed, to stay informed, and then empower each of you to become positive, pro-active catalysts for the betterment of education in Louisiana and our future. We must gain in strength, influence, and visibility through our own conscious actions and resolve to make a difference. We cannot allow ourselves to become complacent. So, each of us must resolve to do whatever is necessary to become a positive voice for our organization, for the children of Louisiana, and for ourselves. I ask each of you to pause and make a conscious commitment to communicate a message which promotes the interests of LRTA and all retired educators to resolve some of the dilemmas we face as we move forward.

*Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn  
LRTA President*

## Office of Group Benefits - Update Reorganization Plan

### The PPO plan

At this time, OGB administers the PPO plan in-house. Louisiana is one of only two states that self-administer health benefit programs; Utah also self-administers benefit programs. Most states offer self-funded plans that are administered by an outside vendor, as OGB does with the HMO plan, which now is administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

### Proposed reorganization

OGB CEO Charles Calvi Jr. made the following statements in his presentation to the Civil Service Commission. There are three reasons for the proposed reorganization plan for OGB:

1. The first is access to a nationwide provider network for all OGB plan members. Currently, the PPO plan is only available statewide.
2. Second, a single contractor for all self-funded health plans and ancillary services (pharmacy benefits, mental health and substance abuse, and disease management) is expected to be more cost-effective.
3. Lastly, a single contractor can reduce costs of continuous updates in technology for claims processing and compliance with state and federal laws by packaging all programs together and passing the savings on to OGB.

### What does this mean for you?

#### Quality of health benefits

The OGB reorganization will not affect your eligibility as a retired plan member, nor will it reduce the quality of your OGB health benefits. Instead, the measures I just outlined will save money and help keep OGB financially sound, which will help safeguard these benefits for current and future retirees.

#### Annual Enrollment

OGB Annual Enrollment will take place in October 2012. During Annual Enrollment you will be able to choose a new plan for the 2013 plan year.

*Dr. Merline T. Broussard*

*Your Group Benefits Policy & Planning Board Member*

## LRTA Foundation Spring Meeting Report

At the LRTA Spring Meeting the LRTA Foundation recognized the Leadership Award recipient, Dr. Jesse Scott, for his outstanding leadership throughout all aspects of our organization. Dr. Scott has been active in local, district and state retired teacher activities since his retirement. He has served on the Foundation Board and as the First Vice-President and State Membership Chair for LRTA. He also helped spearhead the LRTA Associate Membership Recruitment Program that obtained 5,369 new associate members. Also receiving special recognition for outstanding leadership was Nancy Quigley from District XI, Francis Colletta from District V, and Narvell Curry from District VII.

During the LRTA Foundation giveaway at the Spring Meeting, Johanne Jeane won a

television, James Stewart won a Louisiana Bicentennial Medallion, Barbara Sneed won a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card, Gwendolyn Dureseau won \$50 cash, and Lillian Bonin won a crock pot. Appreciation is extended to those who donated the prizes and to those individuals who purchased tickets in support of the Foundation. We look forward to seeing you in Kenner in October 2012 for the LRTA Fall Meeting.

## Foundation Donation

The following donation to the LRTA Foundation has been received:

Acadia Parish RTA - In memory of all deceased retired educators of Acadia Parish for 2011-2012.

## 2012 Regular Legislative Session

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Passed by the House of Representatives on May 29, 2012. Passed by the Senate on June 4, 2012.

### Senate Bills

#### **Senate Bill No. 19**

*by Senator Patrick "Page" Cortez*

This bill will allow a retiree who has been retired for at least twelve months to return to work as a substitute classroom teacher who teaches students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. The retiree will be permitted to earn up to 25% of their gross benefit being received in any fiscal year. If earnings during a fiscal year exceed the 25% limit, then the benefit payable to the retiree shall be reduced by the excess amount earned over 25% of the benefit being received by the retiree.

- Amended by the Senate to allow a retiree who has been retired for at least twelve months to return to work on a part-time basis and continue receiving benefits while instructing adults in adult education or literacy programs administered through a K-12 public school. Retirees may earn up to 25% of their gross retirement benefit. Earnings exceeding 25% will be reduced from the retirement benefit.

- LRTA supported this legislation.

Passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on April 2, 2012. Passed by the Senate on April 9, 2012. Passed by the House Retirement Committee on April 26, 2012. Passed by the House of Representatives on May 16, 2012.

Becomes Act No. 297.

#### **Senate Bill No. 20**

*by Senator Patrick "Page" Cortez*

This bill will allow a retiree who has been retired for at least twelve months to return to work as an adjunct professor. The retiree will be permitted to earn up to 25% of their gross benefit being received in any fiscal year. If earnings during a fiscal year exceed the 25% limit, then the benefit payable to the retiree shall be reduced by the excess amount earned over 25% of the benefit being received by the retiree.

- LRTA supported this legislation.

Passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on April 2, 2012. Passed by the Senate on April 9, 2012. Passed by

the House Retirement Committee on April 26, 2012. Passed by the House of Representatives on May 16, 2012.

Becomes Act No. 228.

#### **Senate Bill No. 48**

*by Senator Elbert L. Guillory*

This bill will add the Commissioner of Administration, ex officio, or his designee to the Boards of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

- LRTA monitored this legislation.

Passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on March 26, 2012. Passed by the Senate on March 29, 2012. Passed by the House Retirement Committee on April 12, 2012. Passed by the House of Representatives on May 9, 2012.

Becomes Act No. 113.

*Provided below is a synopsis of Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Gerald Long which failed to pass.*

This bill eliminates certain provisions of Act 497 of 2009 to allow for the deposit of 50% of excess interest earnings into the Employee Experience Account, to provide for the payment of permanent benefit increases to eligible retirees age 55 and older, and to provide for the distribution of funds from the Employee Experience Account before TRSL reaches 80% of full funding. The bill will eliminate the "hurdles" that were incorporated into Act 497.

- LRTA supported this legislation.

Deferred by the Senate Retirement Committee on April 22, 2012. Passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on April 30, 2012 with amendments. Recommended to the Senate Finance Committee. The amendments provide for a one-time payment from the Employee Experience Account, when sufficient funds are on deposit in the account, to the following eligible retirees. The retiree must:

1. be at least seventy-five years old on June 30, 2012,
2. have retired with 30 or more years of service credit, exclusive of unused leave that was converted for credit at the time of retirement,
3. have been retired twenty years or more on June 30, 2012, and

4. not have participated in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, or selected an Initial Lump Sum Benefit Option at the time of retirement.

Any beneficiary receiving a benefit from TRSL, based upon the above provisions as they are applied to the deceased member, will also be eligible to receive the one-time payment. The one-time payment will be the greater of \$300.00 or 2% of the annual retirement benefit. The payment will not be made until sufficient funds are on deposit in the Employee Experience Account, and the current account balance is \$0.00.

Deferred by the Senate Finance Committee on May 9, 2012.

For complete information on all legislation visit the Louisiana legislature's website at [www.legis.la.gov](http://www.legis.la.gov).

## LRTA Mourns

### Velma T. Kemp



Velma T. Kemp

Velma T. Kemp, former LRTA Board member and association supporter, passed away on March 5. Mrs. Kemp, a long-time resident of Jefferson Parish, served as president of LRTA District II from 1984 to 1986. She also served on LRTA state- and district-level committees for many years after her term on the Board.

Mrs. Kemp taught for 18 years at various schools in Jefferson Parish. She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil G. Kemp and is survived by her daughter Glenna K. Fought and son-in-law Louis J. Fought, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be loved and remembered by all who knew her.

### Could This Be Your Last Newsletter?

Annual membership in LRTA runs from April 1 through March 31. This could be your last newsletter if your \$25 dues for the 2012-2013 membership (or \$10 for associate members) have not been paid. If your annual membership has not been renewed, you will receive a reminder from LRTA in the next few weeks. If you are uncertain about your membership status, contact the LRTA office.

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Bills opposed by LRTA which passed include House Bill No. 61 which establishes a cash balance retirement plan for individuals hired by institutions of post-secondary education on or after July 1, 2013. This bill was the only bill of the governor's pension reform package which passed the legislature. Other bills in that package, which LRTA opposed, and which did not pass include:

- Senate Bill No. 749 which would have increased the eligible age for retirement to 67.
- Senate Bill No. 47 which would have changed the period of final average compensation for active employees from a period of 36 months to 60 months.
- Senate Bill No. 52 which would have increased the employee contribution rate for active employees by 3%.
- Senate Bill No. 6 which would have transferred the administration of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
- Senate Bill No. 740 which would have discontinued the authority of TRSL to provide payment of permanent benefit increases to retirees from post-secondary education institutions until after the retirement system reached an 80% funded level.

One other bill that deserves mention is House Bill No. 134. This is the bill which appropriates funds for the operation of agencies that utilize self-generated revenues to cover expenditures. The appropriation for the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) is contained in this bill. Sufficient funding for OGB positions assigned to the administration and the operation of the PPO has been provided only through December 31, 2012. This is an indication that the administration plans on moving forward with the proposal to privatize programs offered by OGB.

A complete summary and the final actions taken by the legislature on all bills monitored by LRTA can be reviewed at [www.lrta.net](http://www.lrta.net) under the LRTA & the Legislature link.

## Hurricane Survival: Severe Storm Emergency Supply Bin

Having emergency supplies in a storage bin will make going through hurricanes, tornadoes or any other disaster easier and safer. Here are some ideas about what you should have on hand and how to store them. Additional suggestions can be accessed on web sites provided at the end of this article. Be sure to update your supplies periodically to keep batteries and other items with expiration dates fresh. The items should be stored in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a back-pack, duffel bag, or a covered trash can.

The supply kit should include:

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil. Store water in plastic containers like soft drink bottles. Get foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water. If you have to heat food, pack a can of Sterno. Also, try and select foods that are light-weight and compact. Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables are a good bet;
- A can opener;
- One change of clothing and footwear per person, and one blanket or sleeping bag per person;
- A first aid kit that includes your prescription medication in its original bottle, sterile adhesive bandages, soap/cleansing agent, sunscreen, scissors, tweezers, moistened towelettes, antiseptic, thermometer, aspirin

or non-aspirin pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication and antacid;

- Emergency tools and supplies including a battery-powered radio, flash light and plenty of extra batteries, paper plates, cups and plastic utensils, tape, waterproof matches, aluminum foil, needles, thread, medicine dropper, toilet paper, personal hygiene items, plastic garbage bags, ties, disinfectant, plastic bucket with lid;
- Household chlorine bleach;
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks;
- Sanitation supplies;
- Special items for elderly or disabled family members;
- An extra pair of glasses;
- Games and books.

Change your water supply every six months. Replace stored food every six months. Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.

Additional information about preparedness for hurricanes and other disasters may be found at the following websites:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
[www.fema.gov/areyouready/](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/)  
[www.bt.cdc.gov/](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/)  
[www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org)

### AARP Driver Safety's 2012

#### Educator Appreciation Promotion

AARP is celebrating teachers and school personnel this summer with the AARP Driver Safety Educator Appreciation Promotion. All current and retired educators and school personnel are eligible to take the AARP Driver Safety classroom course for only \$5 in July and August.

The AARP Driver Safety classroom course is the nation's first and largest course designed for drivers 50 and older. You'll learn proven safety strategies to help maintain your confidence behind the wheel, so you can make new memories on the road. Plus, you could get a discount on your car insurance.

For more information call 1-866-238-2954 or visit [www.aarp.org/educators](http://www.aarp.org/educators) to locate a classroom course near you.



# In Memoriam

*"...these immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence."*

## Deceased Retired Teachers - November 16, 2011 - May 15, 2012

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