

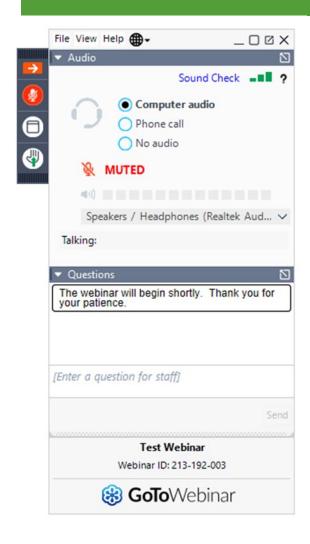
# **Legislative Updates**

June 30, 2021

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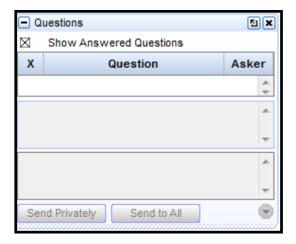
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# 2021 Legislative Session

#### REGULAR SESSION

» April 12 – June 10



#### Permanent Benefit Increase

- Act 37 formerly Senate Bill 24 (Sen. Price)
  - » Grants a minimum benefit increase to certain retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors of TRSL as well as the retirement systems for state employees, school employees, and state police.

### Permanent Benefit Increase

- TRSL retirees who meet all of the following criteria on June 30, 2021, will be granted a monthly benefit increase equal to the lesser of \$300 or the difference between their current benefit and \$1,450:
  - » At least 30 years of service credit
  - » Retired at least 15 years
  - » Receiving a monthly retirement benefit of less than \$1,450
  - » At least 60 years of age
  - » Never participated in DROP or ILSB
  - » Not receiving a benefit pursuant to a reciprocal agreement recognized by the system

### Permanent Benefit Increase

- Additionally, Act 37 grants a minimum benefit increase to beneficiaries and survivors of deceased members who meet or would have met the above criteria.
- Beneficiaries and survivors, if eligible, will receive a benefit increase in the following amounts:
  - » Beneficiaries: An amount equal to the lesser of \$300 or the difference between \$1,450 and the beneficiary's current benefit prorated based on the option the deceased retiree selected.
  - » **Survivors:** An amount equal to the lesser of \$300 <u>or</u> the difference between \$1,450 and the survivor's current benefit; multiple survivors would split \$300.

# TRSL Membership

- Act 138 formerly House Bill 22 (Rep. LaCombe)
  - » Requires all new employees of the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), current employees of LSBA who have five years or more of service credit in TRSL, and the LSBA director to become members of TRSL. LSBA employees have previously been members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS).

# Payments toward the UAL

- Act 120 formerly House Bill 516 (Rep. Zeringue)
  - » Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$18.6 million to the TRSL initial unfunded accrued liability (IUAL) from a portion of the FY 2019-20 surplus funds in the state treasury.

## **Social Security Offsets**

- House Concurrent Resolution 7 (Rep. M. Johnson)
  - » Requests that Congress review and eliminate or reduce the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) Social Security benefit reductions.

NOTE: Changes to Social Security offsets must come at the federal level. For more information about current federal legislation related to WEP and GPO, you can contact your U.S. representative and/or senator.

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