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Dear Senator Peacock and Representative Pearson:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the March 20, 2019, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on page 464 of the March 2019 Louisiana Register. The proposed rule would promulgate LAC 58:III.2101 for the purpose of harmonizing the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and various provisions of state statute relating to military time and TRSL benefits. The rules are being promulgated pursuant to the TRSL Board of Trustees' rulemaking authority provided in La. R.S. 11:152.1 and 826.

The proposed rule simply provides for harmonization of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Louisiana Military Service Relief Act (MSRA), and various provisions of state statute relating to military time and Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL) benefits. Act 225 of the 2018 Regular Session, made certain clarifications to Louisiana statutory law, which sought to specifically harmonize certain of the above-referenced provisions, most notably certain provisions relating to military service credit in certain public retirement systems. TRSL's practices were in compliance with such laws before Act 225 of 2018 and continue to be in compliance. However, Act 225 of 2018 enacted R.S. 11:152.1, which requires TRSL and certain other public retirement systems to promulgate rules to comply with USERRA. The proposed rule is being promulgated for this purpose.

The Board has received no comments and therefore has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2). The Board has made no changes to the rule contained in the Notice of Intent. Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Committee on Retirement, the Board intends to submit the rule to the Office of State Register for publication.

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The Notice of Intent containing the proposed rules can be viewed on page 464 at:
<https://www.doa.la.gov/osr/REG/1903/1903.pdf>

If you or your staff has any questions related to this proposed rule, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Dana L. Vicknair
Director

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