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During the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature, LSPRS tracked many pieces of legislation that effect our members and retirees. The LSPRS Board of trustees supported these bills, and the legislature has ultimately passed all measures.

**Act 35 (Senate Bill 13 by Senator Price)** provides for the upgrade of accrual rates applicable to transferred service credit. This change will allow members to purchase an upgrade to the accrual rate of any time transferred from another system. This will become a portion of the application for transfer of service credit. Previous transfers may only be upgraded for the service credit that was actually transferred. Service credit utilized to transfer time at no cost is not eligible to be upgraded as it has been expended toward the original transfer.

**Act 55 (Senate Bill 18 by Senator Johns)** provides for the reemployment of retirees. This bill clarifies that reemployment after retirement in a position that would make a retiree eligible for membership in LSPRS will limit his earnings to fifty percent of his average final compensation in each calendar year.

**Act 56 (Senate Bill 23 by Senator Fesi)** provides that the survivors of members killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence will have a longevity benefit and insurance coverage. Survivors of members killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence will be eligible to participate in OGB as if the member had 20 years of OGB coverage and was vested with OGB. Additionally, the survivor of a member killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence will have their benefit increased at a rate of three percent each year until such time as the benefit equals the maximum pay for the classification of the Trooper under the pay scale effective at the time of death.

**House Bill 24 by Representative Adams (awaiting Governor's Signature)** provides for the purchase of additional service credit at the time of retirement. This purchase will be for "air time" like LASERS provides. Air time will be available for purchase only at the time of retirement and will be made through application similar to a transfer of service credit. The actuary will provide a cost for the purchase. Members will be able to use funds from their deferred compensation accounts on a pre-tax basis to make this purchase.

All legislation may be accessed on the Legislative website: [www.legis.la.gov](http://www.legis.la.gov)