



MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES'

RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF LOUISIANA

MEMORANDUM

To: Employers

From: Maris E. LeBlanc, Executive Director

Date: March 3, 2021

Change in Director Position

Congratulations to Warren D. Ponder. Warren retired on March 1 from his position as Executive Director of MERS. His accomplishments were many and we wish him well.

Maris E. LeBlanc has taken over as Executive Director. You may reach her at maris@mersla.com or by phone (225) 925-4810 or toll free at (800) 820-1137.

2021 Legislation

MERS is sponsoring Senate Bill 21, by Senator Robert Mills. SB 21 will allow employees enrolled in MERS who were furloughed or placed on leave without pay due to the COVID-19 pandemic to purchase that lost service credit by paying only the employee and employer contributions.

As written, the bill applies to service credit lost during the period of April 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020. If you have employees that may benefit from this bill, but the time frame is not adequate, please notify maris@mersla.com so that an appropriate amendment to the bill may be suggested.

MERS will keep you informed of the bill's progress in the legislative process. The session begins on April 12 and must end by June 10.