

## 2020 Regular Session

The 2020 Regular Legislative Session ended on May 18, 2020, and was very unusual as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to the pandemic, a number of bills were introduced to improve benefits for RSA members including: bills creating Tier III for TRS and ERS members (which were passed by the House); bills to improve Tier II benefits (which were introduced in the Senate); and bills to grant retiree bonuses (which were introduced in both houses). However, after recessing for over a month due to COVID-19, the Legislature returned only to pass budgets and uncontested local bills. Therefore, the only RSA-related bill enacted this session is Act 2020-99, a local constitutional amendment to allow Walker County elected officials to participate in the ERS.

On a positive note, the General Fund and Education Trust budgets fully fund the ERS and TRS by setting the actuarially-determined employer contribution rates. PEEHIP was funded at the requested rate. This full funding ensures that the RSA stays healthy and is able to continue paying out hard-earned benefits to its members.

### House Bills

| Bill/Sponsor                 | Companion | Summary  | Status                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>HB187</b><br><b>Poole</b> |           | Education Trust Fund Budget; fully funds TRS and PEEHIP. | Enacted<br>Act 2020-169. |

### Senate Bills

| Bill/Sponsor                     | Companion | Summary   | Status                   |
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| <b>SB157</b><br><b>Albritton</b> |           | General Fund Budget; fully funds ERS.   | Enacted<br>Act 2020-168. |
| <b>SB339</b><br><b>Reed</b>      |           | Proposed a constitutional amendment to allow Walker County elected officials to participate in ERS. | Enacted<br>Act 2020-99.  |