

Week 4 Update

The Legislature convened for the ninth and tenth legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

Bills to allow PEEHIP to renegotiate its retiree healthcare contracts every five years, as opposed to the current requirement of every three years, were passed out of respective committees in both the House and Senate. HB309, by Rep. Garrett, and SB195, by Sen. Orr, could help PEEHIP find additional cost-savings for retiree healthcare contracts.

The House passed two RSA-related bills on Thursday. HB44, by Rep. Hill, would allow the St. Clair County DAY Program to participate in TRS. HB158, by Rep. Clouse would establish a procedure for granting and funding TRS and ERS retiree benefit increases.

One new bill dealing with RSA was filed this week. SB208, by Sen. Hatcher, proposes a constitutional amendment to allow Montgomery City Council members to participate in ERS.