

Week 7 Update

The Legislature convened for the seventeenth and eighteenth legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

The House passed the General Fund budget, which fully funds ERS at the requested rates. The budget now heads to the Senate for its consideration.

The House Insurance committee considered SB252, which requires health insurance plans to reimburse pharmacies at Medicaid reimbursement rates until October 1, 2027. The bill also provides DOI further enforcement authority over PBMs, creates a private right of action against PBMs, and prohibits PBMs from charging certain fees to pharmacists. The committee amended the bill to remove the private right of action and to remove the sunset provision.

The House also passed SJR45, which directs LSA to retain a consultant to study and report on the effects of pharmacy benefits manager practices in the state of Alabama. The resolution now goes to the Governor for her signature.

The Senate Finance and Taxation Education committee gave a favorable report to HB309, which allows PEEHIP to enter into five-year contracts for retiree healthcare.

No new bills impacting RSA were filed this week.