

Week 8 Update

The Legislature convened for the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

The Senate passed the Education Trust Fund budget, which fully funds TRS at the requested rate and fully funds PEEHIP's requested employer rate increase to \$904 per member per month, which equates to an additional \$124 million. The budget now heads to the House for its consideration.

HB309, by Rep. Garrett, which allows PEEHIP to renegotiate retiree healthcare contracts every five years, received final passage in the Senate. The bill has been sent to the Governor for her signature.

Two new bills impacting RSA were filed this week:

- HB542, by Rep. Shaver, would make changes to the District Attorneys' Plan, to include increasing the benefit multiplier for DAs to 4% and moving assistant district attorneys to the plan on the same terms as DAs, but with a 3% multiplier.
- HB556, by Rep. Treadaway, would add higher education law enforcement officers to the temporary return to work exception for SROs and correction officers and would extend the sunset to 2030.