

Week 11 Update

The Legislature convened for the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, and twenty-seventh legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

The House passed the General Fund budget and related bills on Wednesday. The House amended the state employee pay raise bill, SB154, to add a \$ 1-per-month-of-service credit bonus for ERS retirees. The bonus will be funded through an increase in the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2028. The House amended the budget to add an appropriation of \$2.4 million to state agencies to help pay for the bonus.

The Senate passed the Education Trust Fund budget and related bills on Thursday. The budget funds PEEHIP at the rate of \$1048 per member per month, an increase of approximately \$180 million. The Senate amended the education employee pay raise bill, HB239, to add a \$ 1-per-month service credit bonus for TRS retirees. The Senate amended the budget to add an appropriation of \$32.9 million to TRS to fund the bonus.

Additionally, the Senate gave final passage to HB312, which increases the benefit multiplier for district attorneys from 3% to 4%. The bill has been sent to the Governor for her signature.