

Week 5 Update

The Legislature convened for the eleventh and twelfth legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

HB138, by Rep. Paschal, and SB28, by Sen. Elliott, moved in the Senate this week and were amended and substituted to include similar provisions. The bills as amended and substituted would add certain law enforcement classifications to the temporary return to work exception that allows certain retirees to return to work and earn up to \$52,000. Additional requirements were added to all of the classifications that are authorized to utilize the temporary exception. Both bills also allow retirees to return to work on a full-time basis as bus drivers so long as they were retired as of January 1, 2026, or have drawn their retirement benefit for twelve consecutive months.

SB280, by Sen. Waggoner, was introduced this week and would allow TRS and ERS members to purchase service credit for public service with the federal government.