

Week 10 Update

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

Two House bills were given favorable reports in Senate committees and now are pending consideration in the Senate:

- HB19, by Rep. Kirkland, proposes a constitutional amendment to allow mayors in Jackson County to participate in ERS; and
- HB123, by Rep. Hill, authorizes the St. Clair County DAY Program to participate in TRS.

Additionally, the House passed SJR50, by Sen. Albritton, which creates “the State Employee and Education Employee Health Insurance Joint Interim Study Commission.” The resolution now goes to the Governor for her signature.

Finally, two new bills dealing with RSA were filed in the Senate:

- SB339, by Sen. Carnley, which would provide a 2% retiree COLA to TRS and ERS state retirees who retired on or before October 1, 2015, have 25 years or more of service, and have an annual benefit of \$25,000 or less; and
- SB342, by Sen. Beasley, which would reclassify K9 correctional officers as state police for purposes of retirement and to be retroactive to those officers retired as of January 1, 2022.