

Week 1 Update

The Legislature convened for the first, second, and third legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

On Wednesday, the Governor's budgets were introduced and included full funding for ERS, TRS, and PEEHIP.

A number of new bills were filed that would impact the RSA, including:

- HB19 by Rep. Kirkland, which proposes a constitutional amendment to allow Jackson County mayors to participate in ERS.
- HB71 by Rep. Clouse, which authorizes emergency medical technicians and paramedics that participate in ERS to receive hazardous duty service credit.
- HB123 by Rep. Hill, which authorizes the St. Clair County DAY Program to participate in TRS.
- SB12 by Sen. Elliott, which removes the earnings limit for retirees who serve as elected officials in positions that are eligible to participate in ERS.
- SB32 by Sen. Barfoot, which removes the requirement that retirement benefit garnishments for restitution must run through the District Attorneys' Restitution Recovery Division.
- SB56 by Sen. Orr, which terminates retirement benefits for TRS members who have been convicted of certain sex offenses with students or minors.