

## Week 5 Legislative Update:

The Legislature completed the ninth and tenth legislative days of the Regular Session this week. Legislation was introduced by Sen. Singleton (SB265) and Rep. Dismukes (HB380) to provide a one-time bonus to TRS retirees in the amount of \$3 per month of service credit. No other bills dealing with the RSA were filed this week.

The House Ways and Means General Fund committee gave favorable reports to three RSA-related bills:

- HB268, by Rep. Ingram, would create Tier III for ERS State, which would modify Tier II by increasing the benefit multiplier, allowing 30-year retirement, allowing sick leave conversion, and increasing the member contribution rate.
- HB280, by Rep. Pettus, would provide State Police retirement benefits to all employees of ALEA who perform law enforcement duties and would modify the State Police Tier II benefit to allow 25-year retirement to provide hazardous duty time.
- HB307, by Rep. Reynolds, would allow the use of hazardous duty time to calculate years of service for in-service death benefits for firefighters, law enforcement officers, and correctional officers.

In addition, the Senate passed SB154, by Sen. Reed, which would add two board seats to the ERS Board.