

Week 7 Update

The Legislature is halfway through the Regular Session after completing the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth legislative days this week.

The Senate passed the General Fund budget, which fully funds ERS, and bills to grant one-time bonuses to ERS and TRS retirees in the amount of \$2 per month of service credit. These bills now move to the House for consideration.

Additionally, the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund committee gave favorable reports to SB230, which modifies ERS Tier II, and HB155, which changes the option available to a surviving spouse of a retirement-eligible member who dies in active service.

The House considered two bills dealing with return to work restrictions for RSA retirees. The House Ways and Means General Fund committee gave a favorable report to HB376, which temporarily loosens some of the return to work restrictions. The House Ways and Means Education committee considered HB278, which would completely overhaul the return to work restrictions. Due to concerns regarding the bill, the committee voted to send it to a subcommittee for further consideration.

Finally, the House County and Municipal committee gave a favorable report to HB346, which removes the deadline for local units to elect to provide Tier I benefits to Tier II employees.