

Week 9 Update

The Legislature convened for the nineteenth and twentieth legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

The sponsors of HB41 and SB174 appeared to have reached a compromise on their competing return to work bills. Both bills were substituted in committee to allow retirees returning to work as correctional officers or school resource officers to work in any capacity subject to an earnings limit of \$52,000. As substituted, HB41 provides that this exception will expire in 2026, and SB174 provides that this exception will expire in 2027.

The Governor signed two RSA-related bills:

- HB233, by Rep. Almond, allows the city of Tuscaloosa to make the election for the Tuscaloosa Fire and Police Plan to join ERS;
- SB92, by Sen. Carnley, extends the deadline for local units to provide the retiree bonus as set forth in Act 2022-229.

The Legislature also introduced one new bill that would affect the RSA:

- SB307, by Sen. Elliott, would remove the earnings limit for retirees who return to work as elected officials in positions that participate in the RSA.