

# **The Association report**

## **from the Capitol**

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Barely two months of the current legislative session has passed but during that time legislators have been busy. Close to 1,500 bills - individual pieces of legislation - have been introduced by house and senate members. The following is a summary, the sponsor and status of some of those bills of interest to us.

HB251 (Taylor) Would prohibit public employee payroll deduction for association dues without annual written consent or electronic authorization by each member. It has passed the house but has not been taken up by the full senate.

HB729 (Bernskoetter) Proposes changes to the state's retirement plan which includes reducing the minimum vesting period from 10 years to five years as it was prior to the 2010 retirement law revision. It has not been assigned to a house committee.

SB291 (Rowden) Would offer state employees 10 consecutive days of parental leave for the birth of a child or finalization of the adoption of a child under the age of two. It was assigned Jan. 19 to the Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee.

HB517 (Ellington) Would establish the "Missouri Supporting Families Income Tax Holiday Act" which would exempt state employees from the state's Withholding tax for a 1-month period. The bill has not been assigned to a committee.

SB228 (Koenig) Would make significant changes beginning Jan. 1, 2018 to the state retirement plan including more emphasis on the deferred compensation plan. I will have more on this proposal if it moves forward in the senate.

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