

# The **Association** report

## from the **Capitol**

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Despite a virtual "meltdown" this week in the Missouri Senate, several bills which could impact Association members were advanced in the House of Representatives. They include a proposal which addresses holiday leave and 10-hour-day workers.

HB 1422, by Rep. Nate Walker, specifies that state employees who work 10-hour days and 40-hour weeks "shall not be required to take two hours of vacation leave for paid holidays." The bill was "perfected" by the house after an amendment was adopted that Rep. Walker said helped clarify the bill. The bill is expected to be given final approval next week and moved over to the senate.

HB2228, by Rep. Jay Barnes, provides that state workers be given 10 consecutive days of paid parental leave at the birth or adoption of a child. The bill was reported "do pass" Mar. 8 from the House Government Oversight Committee.

HB 1432, by Rep. Rob Vescovo, requires that employees placed on administrative leave must have a hearing within 60 days to determine if there was misconduct. It was passed by the house on Mar. 7 and sent to the senate.

HB2592, by Rep. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City, addresses the deferred compensation program by proposing to raise the state's maximum contribution from \$75 to \$100 per month for each participant. This bill, which was introduced on Feb. 18th has not yet been assigned to a committee.

The legislature is scheduled to begin its annual spring break on Mar. 17 with a resumption of legislative work on March 29.

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