

The Association report from the Capitol

March 30, 2017

The state legislature returned to the capitol Monday (Mar. 27) from a 10-day spring break with some substantial matters left to resolve. The following is a brief status/summary of some of the bills which could affect our members as well as the Association.

[HB251](#) (Taylor) Would require expensive and labor-intensive reporting requirements by public employee associations which feature a voluntary membership. The bill passed the house on Feb. 9. It has been debated by the senate but was relegated to an "on hold" status on Mar. 14.

[SB228](#) (Koenig) Would establish a "hybrid" retirement plan for state employees hired after Jan. 1, 2018. The bill, which places a greater emphasis on a "defined contribution" system, was debated by the full senate on Mar. 1 but was moved to "on hold" status before a vote was taken.

[HB729](#) (Bernskoetter) Would make changes to the state retirement plan including a return to a 5-year vesting requirement. It was voted "do pass" on Mar. 13 in the House Pensions Committee.

[HCR47](#) (Corlew) Would establish the 21st Century Missouri Highway System Task Force to evaluate the condition of the highway system, current transportation funding and make recommendations. A house committee substitute was voted "do pass" Mar. 29 in the House Transportation Comm.

[HB1218](#) (Gray) Specifies that a state employee who works 10-hour days and 40-hour weeks cannot be required to take two hours vacation leave for paid holidays. The bill was introduced Mar. 2 but has not been referred to a committee.

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