



## NCRGEA Government Relations Update

### **NCRGEA Government Relations Update #21-16 May 4, 2021**

#### **Budget Process**

We hope to hear from the Senate this week regarding their budget proposal. However, the Senate may wait to unveil its budget after the crossover deadline which is coming May 15<sup>th</sup>. We still have not heard if the House and Senate have agreed on the amount of funds to budget for the coming biennium.

#### **Bills in Committee – Last Week**

This past week several retirement administrative bills passed through House Pensions and Retirement Committee. The following bills were given a favorable report and referred to rules before being debated on the floor of the house.

[HB 160 - Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part II.-AB](#) – This bill sponsored by Representatives McNeill and C. Smith is the second phase of rewriting the service purchase statutes to limit to five years the number of years eligible for purchase and to ensure the purchase of service is actuarially sound.

[HB 392 - Ret. Svc. Purchase/Omitted Membership Service.](#) – This bill sponsored by Representatives Belk, Hurley, Gill and Martin addresses state employee service that was incorrectly credited as part-time service when full-time service should have been credited. The bill also requires the employer to pay their required contribution for the past 12 months should the employee pay their retirement system contribution in a lump sum.

[HB 428 – Teacher Licensure/Retired Educator Program](#) – This bill sponsored by Representatives Elmore, Brody, Miller and Clemmons extends by 3 years the program put in place to allow certain retired teachers to go back to work in high-needs schools temporarily without interrupting their retirement benefits.

#### **Bills in Committee – This Week**

There are several bills of interest slated to be heard in the House Health Committee.

[HB 395 - Extend Deadlines for Mandatory HIE Particip.](#)

[HB 169 – State Health Plan Data Transparency](#)

[HB 583 – Give LGERS Retirees 2% Bonus](#) – has been referred to House Pensions & Retirement and we hope it will be heard late this week or early next week in committee.

Check out our video update: <https://youtu.be/zlvfmVbdVFw>

**Stay Tuned!**

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