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Legislature Going on Spring Break

Over the next two weeks the House and Senate will be taking a break from legislating to enjoy time away from Raleigh. The House will have session on Monday and Tuesday next week and depart until Wednesday, April 24th. The Senate plans to take off the entire week of April 22. It is interesting that the House and Senate did not coordinate their breaks. Hopefully, they will be more in sync when it comes to passing a budget.

With this respite, when legislators return, they will be hard pressed to meet the crossover deadline of May 9th. The Crossover deadline is the date that all non- revenue and appropriations bills are required to have passed through either the House or Senate to stay alive for the remainder of the 2019-2020 General Assembly. Currently, nearly 1300 bills have been filed and the House bill filing deadline is still more than a week away. With less than 10 days of legislative business scheduled, it will be a mad dash for the House and Senate to push through hundreds of bills in such a short timeframe. We hope members get their rest and relaxation over their Spring Break, because the candle will be burning at both ends upon their return.

Senate Pensions & Retirement & Aging Committee Meets

The Committee passed [SB 374 - Repeal Risky Retirement Payments](#) . This bill eliminates retirement options for state and local retirees. The bill specifically eliminates the pop up options and social security leveling option. Please note that the bill does not affect the current retirees if they have chosen either of the options to be eliminated. Last session, a similar bill was vetoed by the Governor. Although the General Assembly had the ability to override the Governor's veto, it did not pursue such action. The current bill now moves on to the Senate Rules Committee.

House Pensions & Retirement Committee meets April 16, 2019

The Committee will hear [HB 626 - Realistic Evaluation of Actuarial Liabilities](#) - This bill requires the Retirement System implement an actuarial review of the pension plans every five years. The bill also contains other provisions amending the administration of the pension and health care solvency fund including making the solvency fund a non-reverting fund.

Due to the upcoming Legislative Spring Break there will be no legislative update for the week of April 15th.

We will keep you updated on all legislative action taken on these bills. The NCRGEA legislative team continues to meet with members of the General Assembly advocating for your retiree benefits, pension reform and for your much needed COLA.

Stay Tuned!!

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