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Budget Moving Forward in Pieces

The latest strategy to get a budget is to take pieces of the budget that were non-controversial and move those provisions of the budget in individual bills. Four appropriation bills passed the House and Senate this week. All of the bills addressed employee raises that were passed in [H 966 -2019 Appropriations Act](#). The House and Senate passed these appropriation bills:

[H 126 Pay Increases/Highway Patrol](#)

[H 226 Pay Increases/State Employees](#)

[H 609 – Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees](#)

[H 777- Pay Increase/SBI & ALE](#)

A fifth appropriations bill [H 426 Educators' Increase/Retiree Supplements](#) was removed from the calendar and referred to the House Appropriations Committee. H 426 contains the .5% bonus for retirees in both years of the budget biennium, the same as H 966. H 426 passed through the Appropriations Committee with very positive comments from legislators on the needs of retirees and the fact that they need a larger increase. On Wednesday when the bill was on the floor there was an amendment pending to be heard to increase the .5% to a 1% bonus for both years of the biennial budget. However, when H 426 came up on the calendar for discussion and a vote the bill was re-referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill will come back to the floor most likely as a conference report that cannot be amended. We will work to have an increase bonus for state retirees. Unfortunately, the legislature remains unwilling to fund a bonus for LGERS.

Taxpayer Refunds Move Ahead - Legislature Proposes to Reallocate Surplus Revenue

[H 74 Taxpayer Refund Act](#)- passed the Senate and moved onto the House where it was referred to House Finance. The bill provides average refund for taxpayers amounting to \$125 for individuals and \$250 for those filing jointly.

Next Week

The House and Senate will take next week off and return to Raleigh on Monday, September 9th.

We will continue to keep you posted on the activity at the General Assembly.

Stay Tuned!!

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