



Legislative Update

January 25, 2019

2019-20 BIENNIUM SESSION

The 2019 Georgia General Assembly convened on January 14, 2019, and is the first year of the two-year (2019-2020) biennium session. Retirement bills introduced during previous sessions are no longer valid.

Retirement bills that have a fiscal (monetary) impact can only be introduced during the first year of a two-year session and can only be acted on during the second year. Therefore, the earliest effective date for a fiscal bill introduced during the 2019 session will be July 1, 2020.



Legislation

Any legislation introduced that affects TRS will be tracked and updated frequently. Currently, there is nothing to report.

Supporting Legislation

If you are interested in expressing your support for legislation currently being considered, please contact your State Representative or Senator, as the Legislature is responsible for enacting Georgia law. Please visit www.legis.ga.gov for more information.



How a Retirement Bill Becomes Law

- 1 In 1st year, State Representative or Senator introduces legislation.
- 2 Legislation is assigned to Committee (House or Senate depending on the chamber from which the bill is introduced).
- 3 After the Session, Committee determines if the bill should be forwarded for actuarial study.
 - If forwarded for study, legislative process continues.
 - If not forwarded for study, bill dies in Committee.
- 4 In 2nd year, Committee receives actuarial study and determines if the bill should pass Committee for consideration by full House or Senate.
- 5 If bill passes one Chamber, House or Senate, the bill is then transmitted to the other Chamber for Committee assignment and recommendation.
- 6 If the bill passes both Chambers, the legislation is then sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.

The complete legislative process for retirement legislation is very detailed and is located at [www.trsga.com/Legislation/HowLegislation Works](http://www.trsga.com/Legislation/HowLegislationWorks)).



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