

**Filed Legislation Affecting the Employees Retirement System of Texas
87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session**

Bill	Author	Summary	Status
BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
HB 917	Hernandez	Permits but does not require one retiree to serve as an elected Board member.	Referred to PIFS 3/1/21
SB 620	Lucio	Permits but does not require a retiree to serve as an elected Board member.	Filed 2/8/21
CHAPTER 615			
<i>(Survivor benefits for officers killed in the line of duty)</i>			
HB 637	Canales	Would add a presumption that a first responder who died of COVID-19 acquired the disease while on duty, and that any eligible survivor would be entitled to benefits under Chapter 615, Government Code.	Referred to House Business and Industry 3/1/21
SB 107	Powell		Referred to State Affairs 3/3/21
FUNDING			
HJR 73	Canales	Proposes to amend the Texas Constitution to increase the minimum state contribution to ERS and TRS to seven percent.	Filed 1/25/21
HB 2707	Bonnen	Amends the Government Code to conform the statutorily required contribution to conform with the current 9.5% contribution.	Filed 3/3/21
SB 321	Huffman		Filed 1/12/21

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FUNDING			
HB 2186	Gates	Resets the base state contribution to the retirement system to 10%, and adds an additional contribution to require the actuarially determined contribution.	Filed 2/24/21
INSURANCE			
<i>Insurance - Coverages</i>			
HB 240	Thompson	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to cover the condition known as "serious emotional disturbance" in children.	Referred to Insurance 2/25/21
SB 51	Zaffirini		Referred to Business & Commerce 3/3/21
HB 440	Johnson	Prohibits health plans, including the GBP, from refusing to cover hearing aids that cost more than the plan's covered benefit.	Referred to Insurance 2/25/21
HB 571	Gates	Requires ERS to establish a program to bundle certain health-care benefits, such as facility, provider, and drug prices for common procedures, in order to reduce member and plan costs.	Referred to PIFS 3/1/21
HB 1722	Goodwin	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to cover mental health services using telemedicine.	Filed 2/9/21
<i>Insurance - Other</i>			
HB 1427	Shaheen	Requires health care vendors that contract with the state to disclose rate information to legislators, subject to a non-disclosure agreement.	Filed 1/27/21
<i>Insurance - Pharmacy</i>			
HB 82	Lucio III	Caps a monthly co-pay on insulin for health plans, including the GBP, at \$100 a month.	Referred to Insurance 2/25/21

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INSURANCE			
<i>Insurance - Pharmacy</i>			
HB 907	Johnson	Prohibits health plans, including the GBP, from requiring pre-authorization for prescription drugs used to treat chronic and autoimmune diseases.	Referred to Insurance 3/1/21
HB 40	Talarico	Caps a monthly co-pay on insulin for health plans, including the GBP, at \$100 a month.	Referred to Insurance 2/25/21
INVESTMENTS			
HB 1665	White	Requires the development of an investment database of companies that do not have transparency.	Filed 2/8/21
HB 1657	White	Prohibits the investment of certain assets in certain foreign companies that do not have transparency.	Filed 2/8/21
HB 2189	King	Prohibits ERS and other state entities from contracting with or investing in companies that boycott fossil fuel companies.	Filed 2/24/21
SB 483	Schwertner	Requires ERS to produce a biennial report on investment returns.	Filed 1/27/21
RETIREMENT			
<i>Retirement - Employee Class</i>			
HB 1438	Gates	Requires the ERS Board to develop and implement a cash balance retirement plan for new members effective not later than 9/1/2023.	Filed 1/28/21
HB 1437	Gates	Requires the ERS Board to develop and implement a hybrid retirement plan for new members effective not later than 9/1/2023.	Filed 1/28/21
HB 1028	Gates	Requires the ERS Board to develop and implement a defined contribution retirement plan for new members effective not later than 9/1/2023.	Filed 1/8/21

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RETIREMENT			
<i>Retirement - Employee Class</i>			
HB 1847	Allen	Provides for an annuity increase, a COLA, and an additional payment for current ERS retirees.	Filed 2/11/21
HB 2187	Gates	Establishes a new retirement benefit tier for ERS members hired on or after September 1, 2021, and increases the member contribution for those individuals to 10.5%.	Filed 2/24/21
SB 482	Schwertner	Requires ERS and TRS to each publish a biennial study about the cost and feasibility of implementing a defined contribution retirement plan, both for current and new members.	Filed 1/27/21
HB 1439	Gates	Requires the ERS Board to develop and implement a lump-sum retirement plan for new members effective not later than 9/1/2023.	Filed 1/28/21
<i>Retirement - JRS Plan 1 & Plan 2</i>			
HB 1876	Schofield	Adjusts base salaries for state judges and justices.	Filed 2/11/21
HB 1880	Schofield	Adjusts base salaries for district judges.	Filed 2/11/21