

**Filed Legislation Affecting the Employees Retirement System of Texas
88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session**

Grey Text = Dead Bill
Green/Bold = Passed Bill

Bill	Author	Summary	February 24, 2023
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GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

		<p>Retirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERS – Maintains state contribution rates of 9.5% for both years of biennium; plus an additional state agency contribution at the rate of 0.5% of base payroll. Appropriated \$510M each year of the biennium in Legacy Payments. Appropriated \$1B for a one-time additional Legacy Payment (estimated that with this additional, one-time payment, the state will avoid \$5.5B in interest over the life of the Legacy Payment schedule) • LECOSRF – Increased the state contribution of by 1% (for 1.5% total) to meet LECO Plan normal cost. Appropriated a single lump sum of \$750M to eliminate the LECO unfunded liability • JRS 2 – Increased the state contribution by 3.587% (for 19.25%) to meet the JRS2 Plan normal cost. Appropriated a single lump sum of \$105B to eliminate the JRS2 unfunded liability 	
SB 1	Huffman		
HB 1	Bonnen		

Group Health Plan:

- Fully funded
- Maintains current 100% member and 50% dependent state contribution
- Maintains 1% of base payroll contribution from participating state agencies and higher education institutions

RETIREMENT

HB 548	Vasut	Authorizes a supplemental annuity (13th check) in the lesser of an annuitant's monthly payment or \$2000.	Referred to Pensions, Investments & Financial Svs 2/23
HB 830	Allen	Authorizes a one-time 10% COLA, an annual 4% COLA, and a supplemental annuity (13th check) in the lesser of an annuitant's monthly payment or \$2000.	Filed 11/29

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HB 1393	Frank	Creates new optional retirement annuity that begins at an actuarially reduced amount, but increases over time.	Filed 1/18
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HB 1473	Rose	Increases the multiplier for retirement groups 1, 2, and 3 from 2.3% to 2.7%.	Filed 1/19
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HB 1651	Cook	Allows the ERS board of trustees to adopt an alternative definition of correctional officers employed by the Juvenile Justice Department permitting their participation in the enhanced LECO benefit.	Filed 1/25
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SB 729	Huffman	Technical corrections to the cash balance benefit for individuals employed by the state on or after 9/2/2022.	Filed 2/7
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HB 2406	Geren	Permits peace officers employed by the Attorney General to participate in LECO supplemental retirement benefit.	Filed 2/16
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HB 2471	Geren	Permits peace officers employed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to participate in LECO supplemental retirement benefit.	Filed 2/17
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SB 1062	Schwertner	Requires ERS to report certain proposals to achieve actuarial soundness in an experience study.	Filed 2/21
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CHAPTER 615
(Survivor benefits for officers killed in the line of duty)

SB 115	Huffman	Would provide Chapter 615 benefits to survivors of Texas Military killed on duty in active duty.	Filed 11/14
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HB 90	Patterson		Filed 11/14
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HB 434	Leo-Wilson	Would provide Chapter 615 benefits to survivors of Texas Military killed on duty in active duty.	Referred to Defense & Veterans' Affairs 2/23
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HB 835	Raymond		Filed 12/1
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INSURANCE

Insurance - Coverages

SB 155	Huffman	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to permit participants to choose hearing aids.	Referred to Finance 2/15
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HB 90	Patterson		Referred to Defense & Veterans' Affairs 2/23
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SB 51	Zaffirini	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to permit participants to choose hearing aids.	Referred to Health & Human Svcs 2/15
HB 109	Johnson, J.		Referred to Insurance 2/23
HB 118	Cortez	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to offer prostate cancer screening at no cost.	Referred to Insurance 2/23
HB 134	Bernal	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to provide full coverage for cranial remolding orthosis.	Referred to Insurance 2/23
HB 340	Thompson	Requires health plans, including the GBP, to cover treatment of serious emotional disturbance of a child.	Referred to Insurance 2/23
HB 526	Wu	Would permit a health care provider to submit a blood sample for additional screening for HIV.	Referred to Insurance 2/23
SB 807	Paxton	Requires a health plan, including the GBP, to cover a 12-month supply of a contraceptive drug when refilled.	Filed 2/9
HB 916	Ordaz		Filed 12/8
SB 842	Hinojosa	Permits retirees to participate in the bariatric surgery benefit offered by ERS.	Filed 2/10
HB 2640	Herrero		Filed 2/22

Insurance - Plan Design/Funding

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HB 839	Gonazalez, J.	Prohibits a health plan, including the GBP, from requiring prior authorization for a drug prescribed to treat an infectious disease.	Filed 12/1
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HB 840	Gates	Requires the ERS board of trustees to develop a bundled pricing program for health care provided by the GBP.	Filed 12/1
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SB 358	Kolkhorst	Requires certain health plans, including the GBP, to establish a shared savings program.	Referred to Health & Human Svs 2/15
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HB 1364	Munoz	Allows individuals to pay a health care provider directly rather than file a claim.	Filed 1/17
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SB 583	Hughes		Referred to Finance 2/17
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Insurance - Eligibility

HB 1455	Anchia	Permits wrongfully imprisoned individuals to enroll their dependents in the GBP.	Filed 1/19
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INVESTMENTS

HB 2068	Paul	Requires ERS to invest based solely on pecuniary interests.	Filed 2/8
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CONTRACTING

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HB 982	Toth	Prevents state agencies from contracting with entities that adhere to environmental, social, and guidance criteria.	Filed 12/12
HB 1089	Rosenthal	Repeals chapters of the Texas Government Code that prohibit state agencies from contracting with companies that boycott Israel, boycott firearms, and boycott fossil fuels.	Filed 12/21
HB 1090	Rosenthal	Repeals chapter of the Texas Government Code that prohibit state agencies from contracting companies that boycott Israel.	Filed 12/21