

Legislative Update

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# Legislative Log

### Monday, February 27, 2012

HB 250 - Georgia Judicial Retirement System; revised survivor's benefit option; provisions

Currently, JRS members must elect spousal coverage upon becoming a member of the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) or upon marriage. The member pays an additional 2.5% each year for 16 years for this coverage.

This bill allows for new members as of July 1, 2012, to pay normal employee contributions as required by the actuary, and then at retirement, elect an option to cover a spouse by taking a reduced retirement allowance. Such a change allows for equity to the current Employees' Retirement System (ERS) spousal coverage.

Current JRS members that have at least ten years of service, who at time of enrollment rejected spousal benefits, may pay the full actuarial cost for these benefits and may choose to cover their spouse according to the previous plan design.

HB 250 received a DO PASS from the full House of Representatives by a vote of 149 - 2.

HB 944 - Official Code of Georgia; retirement and pensions; revise, modernize, and correct errors or omissions

This bill is a clean-up bill to correct typographical, stylistic, and other errors and omissions in Title 47.

HB 944 received a DO PASS from the House Rules Committee and was placed on the House Debate Calendar for 2/28/12.

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Tuesday, February 28, 2012

HB 944 - Official Code of Georgia; retirement and pensions; revise, modernize, and correct errors or omissions

This bill is a clean-up bill to correct typographical, stylistic, and other errors and omissions in Title 47.

HB 944 received a DO PASS from the full House of Representatives by a vote of 159 - 1.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

No action was taken on retirement bills today.

Thursday, March 1, 2012

No bills were considered today due to the General Assembly being in recess.

Friday, March 2, 2012

No bills were considered today due to the General Assembly being in recess.