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2015 Legislative Tracker

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Legislation introduced in the 2015 session that would impact the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS, the retirement system) is listed below. For details on a particular bill, visit the State of New Hampshire General Court website at: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/>

BILL #	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS
NHRS-RELATED BILLS			
HB 2	This is the budget trailer bill. The only proposed change to RSA 100-A contained in the bill is an administrative change concerning pension deductions for retired state employee health insurance premiums. The change to RSA 100-A is part of a larger set of changes in HB 2 regarding potential health insurance premium increases for non-Medicare-eligible retired state employees. Note: Health insurance for eligible retired state employees is administered by the Department of Administrative Services, not NHRS.	Rep. Neal Kurk	6/18/15: Committee of Conference agrees on amended version of HB 2. Legislature scheduled to vote 6/24/15.
HB 139	This bill modifies the statutory limits on part-time employment of NHRS retirees working for participating employers in regard to work performed during an emergency.	Rep. Mario Ratzki	3/12/15: House ED&A Committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) adopted by House on a voice vote. Bill is dead.
HB 182	This bill establishes a legislative committee to study alternative public employee retirement plans.	Rep. David Hess	2/11/15: House ED&A Committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) adopted by House on a voice vote. Bill is dead.
HB 369	This bill establishes a defined contribution retirement plan for public employees and requires the issuance of a request for proposals for plan administration. Beginning November 1, 2015, all new hires by employers participating in the retirement system shall be enrolled in the public employee defined contribution plan.	Rep. Carol McGuire	2/6/15: House SCPEPP Committee voted to retain bill in committee, 11-0. No further legislative action expected in 2015.
HB 396	This bill replaces the weekly limit on hours worked by NHRS retirees working for participating employers with an annual limit of 1,664 hours.	Rep. John Tholl	3/11/15: House ED&A Committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) adopted by House on a voice vote. Bill is dead.
HB 556	This bill establishes a cash balance pension plan for all NHRS members hired on and after July 1, 2015.	Rep. Neal Kurk	2/6/15: House SCPEPP Committee voted to retain bill in committee, 11-0. No further legislative action expected in 2015.

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HB 682	This bill grants Group II status to certain positions in the department of corrections. Persons employed in those positions with service prior to the effective date shall be eligible for split benefits.	Rep. Robert Cushing	2/11/15: House ED&A Committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) adopted by House on a voice vote. Bill is dead.
SB 85	This bill establishes a statutory commission to study post-retirement employment of New Hampshire retirement system retirees by participating employers.	Sen. Sharon Carson	3/19/2015: Senate ED&A Committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) adopted by Senate on a voice vote. Bill is dead.
SB 129	This bill allows a retired member of the retirement system to change an optional allowance (i.e. "survivorship option") after the statutory 120-day grace period in cases where the executive director finds that circumstances require the change.	Sen. Sam Cataldo	2/12/15: Senate ED&A Committee recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the committee adopted by the Senate on a voice vote. No further legislative action expected in 2015.
SB 164	This bill establishes terms for NHRS Independent Investment Committee (IIC) members and requires at least one seat on the five-member IIC be reserved for a public employee member of the NHRS Board of Trustees.	Sen. David Watters	3/19/2015: Senate ED&A Committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) adopted by Senate. Bill is dead.
<p>Committee Key: ED&A = Executive Departments & Administration; SCPEPP = Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans Location Key: LOB = Legislative Office Building; SH = State House.</p>			