



2017 Legislative Session Bill Updates as of 4/25/2017

Pay plan:

[SB289](#) Hester - Pay plan bill (An act to revise the compensation plan under the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act; to amend various laws concerning state employee salaries and benefits; to place the classification, compensation and benefits authority of employees of institutions of Higher Education under the Department of Higher Education. **Passed** as [Act 365](#).)

[HB1785](#) Eaves - An act to create higher education regular salary procedures and restrictions; to create the higher education uniform classification and compensation act. **Passed** as [Act 599](#).)

Leave:

[SB125](#) Irvin - Maternity Leave as part of Catastrophic Leave. Repeals the shared leave act. **Passed** as [Act 182](#).)

[HB2029](#) Sabin - Amend Leave Act care giver. **Failed in the House**. 36Y 40N 22NV 2P.

[HB1046](#) Tucker - Paid Maternity Leave. **Did not run**.

[HB1530](#) Gazaway - Concerning Leave of Absence for Certain Training Programs of the National Guard or the USAF. **Passed** as [Act 529](#).)

Insurance:

[HB1306](#) Sorvillo - raises the cap from \$425 to \$450 per budgeted position for state employee health insurance funding. **Passed** as [Act 242](#).)

[SB522](#) Cheatham - To continue to provide coverage for morbid obesity as a permanent coverage under the State Employee Health Insurance Program. **Passed** as [Act 927](#).)

Retirement:

[SB202](#) Sample - When a member's participation in the APERS DROP ceases, the member shall separate from service as provided in 24-4-520. The effective date of this Act is on or after 1/1/2018. **Passed** as [Act 552](#).)

[SB204](#) Sample - Amend law concerning a member's eligibility for participation in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan. **Passed** as [Act 502](#).)

[HB1258](#) Gilliam - To amend the law concerning membership and vacancies on the APERS Board of Trustees. **Passed** as [Act 311](#).)

[HB1187](#) Bragg - Create an Exception for Certain Essential Seasonal Staff who are Participants in the APERS DROP. **Passed** as [Act 245](#).)

[HB1334](#) House - Act to amend the law concerning benefit payments under the state police retirement system. **Stalled in Committee**.

[HB1336](#) Tosh - Act to provide for the forfeiture of benefits under a public retirement system by certain persons. **Passed** as Act 756 (no link on ark leg website yet).

Tuition:

[HB1898](#) Baltz - Reduced tuition for state employees and dependents. **Stalled in Committee**.

Weapons:

[SB728](#) Collins-Smith - Concealed weapons in state agencies. **Stalled in Committee.**

Funding:

[SB251](#) King - Transfer Higher Education Remediation Funding to other State Agencies. **Stalled in Committee.**

Policy:

[HB2055](#) Hamer - Whistle-Blower Act. **Passed** as [Act 791](#).

[HB2183](#) Lowery - Amend provisions of Whistle Blower Act. **Stalled in Committee.**

[HB1581](#) Hammer - Implement a Survey of State Employee Engagement as an Assessment Tool to be used by all State Agencies. Vetoed by Governor, **Motion to Override Failed in House.**

[HB2065](#) Hamer - An act to require state agencies and certain, state-supported entities to submit its board a monthly financial report. **Withdrawn by sponsor.**

Agencies:

[HB1725](#) House - Transfer Various State Agencies to the Arkansas Agriculture Department. **Failed in House.** 44Y 25N 20NV 11P