

The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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The new legislative session has been chugging along for nearly four weeks now and the bills (legislative proposals) keep rolling in. The following are a some of those which could be of interest to our members.

SB238 (LeVota) Would prohibit retired state employees and judges from collecting retirement benefits while working for a political subdivision (except public school districts.) Sen. LeVota's bill was introduced on Jan. 14 and has not been assigned to a committee.

HB575 (Fitzwater) Would require any increase in health insurance premiums to be matched by a salary increase. The bill was introduced on Jan. 21 but not assigned to a committee.

SB 130 (Walsh) Victims of domestic violence would be entitled to unpaid leave under certain circumstances. This would apply to persons who work for public or private employers. The bill was assigned to the Senate Small Business Committee. A hearing has not been scheduled.

SB3 (Pearce) Would ban use of cell phones for all drivers except for hands-free or voice-activated calls. It was referred to the Senate Transportation Committee on Jan. 13. No hearing has been scheduled.

SB274 (Schupp) Would ban texting for all drivers, not just those under 21 years of age (which is current law) Introduced Jan. 20. Not referred to a committee.

HB 175 (May) Employees who are parents or the legal guardian of a minor child would be granted unpaid leave by their employer for attending certain academic activities. Employers, as defined in the bill, includes the state. The bill was introduced on Jan. 8. It has not been assigned to a committee.

HB519 (Vescovo) Would require state to suspend pay, charge annual leave or sick leave for employees who are placed on administrative leave for more than 15 days. The bill was introduced on Jan. 14, and referred Jan. 28 to the Hosue Government Efficiency Comm.

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