## The Association report

## from the Capitol

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The current legislative session has hit the half-way mark with more than 1,500 bills introduced. The following are some of those of interest to Association members.

<u>HB416</u> (Gray) specifies that a state employee who works 10-hour days and 40 hours a week would not be required to take two hours vacation leave for paid holidays. The bill was introduced on January 10 but has moved no further.

<u>HB649</u> (Schroer) State employees hired after January 1, 2020 could not enroll in the Year 2000 retirement plan but would participate in a defined contribution plan if the bill becomes law. The employee would contribute 4% of pay with the state contributing a matching amount. It was introduced January 23 but has not been assigned to a committee.

<u>HB1192</u> (Ingle) Would require the Missouri Department of Health to administer and coordinate child care services for children of state employees. It was introduced on January 10 but has not moved further.

<u>SB499</u> (Burlison) Would consolidate MPERS (MoDOT retirement system) with MOSERS (Mo. State Employees Retirement System). The bill was introduced last week (February 28) and has not been assigned to a senate committee.

SB430 (Libla) Would increase the Missouri motor fuel tax by six cents over a 3-year, phase-in period. It was introduced on February 25.

<u>HJR15</u> (Messenger) Would authorize toll roads on Missouri interstate and 4-lane highways. It was referred to the House Transportation Committee on February 13. A hearing has not been scheduled.

The legislature is scheduled to begin its annual spring break beginning after session on March 14. The session will resume on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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