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Legislative Update

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Happy Valentine's Day! The Alabama Legislature is back in full swing for the 2020 Legislative Session. Alabama's economy is doing well, so we are hoping for a relatively easy budgeting process this year. We are pleased to report the Governor's budget fully funds the SEIB's requested rate and includes a 2% raise for state employees.

Below is a brief description of some of the bills we are tracking this session. Please know these weekly legislative updates are meant to keep you informed of legislation that may affect you. The SEIB is always working towards our goal of providing the best health care coverage available at an affordable rate for our members.

BUDGET:

HB152 Clouse/SB157 Albritton – FY20 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The biggest item on our legislative agenda each year is the General Fund Budget. The General Fund Budget funds the SEIB at the rate of \$930 for each full-time employee per month. The budget also states that it is the intent of the Legislature not to raise "out of pocket costs" for members. Funding in the budget for health insurance provides a benefit that helps all employees equally and provides a benefit for retirees.

Do not forget that if you qualify for "other employer health insurance coverage" through a spouse or another job, please contact your [SEIB Advisor](#) today to find out about savings opportunities that are immediately available to you.

STATUS: Both introduced.

OTHER LEGISLATION:

HB229 Lawrence/SB159 Albritton – 2% State Employee Pay Raise

A 2% pay raise for all state employees to be effective on Oct. 1, 2020.

Status: Both introduced.

SB129 Chambliss – General Fund Budget Reserve Act

Creates the General Fund Budget Reserve Fund. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, twenty percent of unanticipated and unappropriated general fund monies will be transferred into the new general fund budget reserve fund to help insulate against proration.

Status: Passed committee and had second reading.

SB157 Ward – Open Records Act

Mandates comprehensive change to how state agencies respond to open records requests. Agencies that have open records requests should review this bill.

Status: Introduced. Expecting a public hearing on this bill in committee soon.