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## Legislative Update

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The Alabama Legislature gavelled in for the 2022 Legislative Session earlier this week. This session promises to be like no other we have seen in recent history... feel like we say that every year. There is talk of a Special Session to begin soon (possibly next week) to appropriate the first round of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Having a Special Session for ARPA funds will isolate the issue, and allow the Legislature to focus on the topics the Governor includes in the call for the Special Session. The SEIB has requested reimbursement from the ARPA funds for almost \$18 million in COVID related claims that were incurred during the designated time period.

In other news, the General Fund and the Education Trust Fund have experienced incredible growth, which will hopefully allow for the budget process to go smoothly this year. We are pleased to report the Governor's budget fully funds the SEIB's requested rate of \$930 for each full-time employee per month. The Governor also announced a 4% raise for state employees during her State of the State address earlier this week.

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 impact 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:**

#### **HB113 Clouse – FY23 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.

**STATUS:** Introduced.