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Bill Type - Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Short Title	Position	Analysis
HB 67	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	Chapter Number Assigned	Generally revise Teachers' Retirement System	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act generally revising administrative provisions of the teachers' retirement system • (H) State Administration passed 20-0 • (H) 2nd reading passed 62-38 • (H) 3rd reading passed 61-36 • (S) State Administration passed 6-2 • (S) 2nd reading passed 35-14 • (S) 3rd reading passed 33-15 • Signed by the governor on 2/22/2017
HB 68	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	Chapter Number Assigned	Revise university system retirement plan participation requirements	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising public employee retirement system membership election provisions for employees hired by the Montana university system • (H) State Administration passed 20-0 • (H) 2nd reading passed 100-0 • (H) 3rd reading passed 96-0 • (S) State Administration passed 8-0 • (S) 2nd reading concurred 47-2 • (S) 3rd reading concurred 48-0 • Signed by the governor on 2/22/2017
HB 85	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Died in Standing Committee	Provide actuarial funding for Sheriffs' Retirement System	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising funding provisions for the sheriffs' retirement system • (H) State Administration Tabled in Committee

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HB 101	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	Chapter Number Assigned	Generally revise MPERA public employee retirement systems	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act generally revising laws related to the administration of public employee retirement systems • (S) State Administration passed 19-1 • (H) 2nd reading passed 84-16 • (H) 3rd reading passed 79-20 • (S) State Administration passed 7-1 • (S) 2nd reading concurred 46-3 • (S) 3rd reading concurred 39-11 • Signed by Governor on 4/13/2017
HB 136	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Died in Standing Committee	Actuarial funding for the Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising funding provisions for the game wardens and peace officers retirement system. • (H) State Administration passed 14-6 • (H) 2nd reading passed 55-45 • (H) 3rd reading passed 55-45 • (S) State Administration passed 6-2 • (S) Finance and Claims tabled in committee
HB 171	Jeremy Trebas (R) HD 25	(H) Died in Standing Committee	Exempt military pensions from state income tax	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act exempting military pension or retirement income and survivor benefits from state income taxation • (H) Taxation Tabled in Committee
HB 310	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(H) Died in Standing Committee	Exempt social security income for individuals age 62 or older	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act exempting certain social security benefits from the individual income tax • (H) Taxation Tabled in Committee
HB 354	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Died in Standing Committee	Revise unemployment insurance retirement considerations	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising the treatment of certain pension plans for the purposes of unemployment insurance benefits • (H) Business and Labor Tabled in Committee

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HB 383	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	Chapter Number Assigned	Provide actuarial required funding for Sheriff's Retirement System	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act increasing funding for the sheriffs' retirement system so it will be actuarially sound • (H) State Admin. Passed 12-8 • (H) 2nd reading passed 60-40 • (H) Appropriations passed 21-1 • (H) 2nd reading passed 55-45 • (H) 3rd reading passed 54 • (S) Finance and Claims passed 18-0 • (S) 2nd reading passed 34-16 • (S) 3rd reading concurred 33-13 • (H) 2nd reading Senate Amendments concurred 70-30 • (H) 3rd reading passed as amended by Senate 69-31 • (H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 436	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Died in Standing Committee	Require voter approval for employer contribution increases in retirement systems	Opposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act submitting to the qualified electors of Montana an amendment to article viii of the Montana constitution to provide that employer contribution increases for public retirement systems must be by legislative referendum approved by a majority of voters in an election • (H) State Admin. Tabled in Committee
HB 499	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Died in Standing Committee	Require actuarial report using alternative assumption for investment earnings	Opposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising actuarial valuation provisions for the public employee retirement systems; • (H) State Admin. Tabled in Committee
HB 578	Wylie Galt (R) HD 30	(H) Died in Process	Legalize blackjack and allocate proceeds	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act legalizing blackjack and twenty-one under the card games act • (H) Taxation passed 11-9 • (H) 2nd reading passed 55-45 • (H) Appropriation passed 12-10 • (H) 3rd reading failed 50-50

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HB 648	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6	Chapter Number Assigned	Authorize transfers and clarify natural resources funding (Sec. C)	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act authorizing transfers and other necessary measures to implement the general appropriations act • (H) Appropriations passed 22-0 • (H) 2nd reading passed 100-0 • (H) 3rd reading passed 99-1 • (S) Finance and Claims passed 17-0 • (S) 2nd reading concurred 49-0 • (S) 3rd reading concurred 49-1 • (H) Transmitted to Governor
SB 16	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	Chapter Number Assigned	Revise fire relief association disability and pension funding requirements	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising the basis for determining whether the disability and pension fund of a city's or town's fire relief association is soundly funded • (S) State Admin. Passed 8-0 • (S) 2nd reading passed 46-0 • (S) 3rd reading passed 47-0 • (H) State Admin. Passed 20-0 • (H) 2nd reading passed 100-0 • (H) 3rd reading passed 100-0 • (S) Signed by Governor • Chapter Number Assigned
SB 76	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Died in Standing Committee	Eliminate income taxes on social security benefits	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act exempting social security benefits from the individual income tax • (S) Taxation Tabled in Committee

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SB 121	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	Chapter Number Assigned	Provide that volunteer positions are not reportable to TRS	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act providing that bona fide volunteer positions are not reportable to the teachers' retirement system; extending rulemaking authority • (S) State Admin. Passed 8-0 • (S) 2nd reading passed 49-0 • (S) 3rd reading passed 48-0 • (H) State Admin passed 18-2 • (H) 2nd reading passed 99-1 • (H) 3rd reading passed 100-0 • (S) Signed by Governor • Chapter Number Assigned
SB 143	Mike Lang (R) SD 17	Signed by President	Revise retiree return to work provisions in the teachers' retirement system	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising provisions related to retirees returning to work under the teachers' retirement system • (S) State Admin. Passed 7-1 • (S) 2nd reading passed 32-18 • (S) 3rd reading passed 33-17 • (H) State Admin passed 12-8 • (H) 2nd reading concurred 61-39 • (H) 3rd reading concurred 59-39 • (S) 2nd Reading Free Conference Committee Report Adopted 34-16 • (S) 3rd Reading Free Conference Committee Report Adopted 34-16 • (H) 2nd Reading Free Conference Committee Report Adopted 61-39 • (S) 3rd Reading Free Conference Committee Report Adopted 58-42 • (S) Returned from Enrolling

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SB 152	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	Chapter Number Assigned	Revise laws relating to state employees	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising laws related to state employees; revising what constitutes base salary and compensation • (S) State Admin passed 8-0 • (S) 2nd reading passed 47-0 • (S) 3rd reading passed 49-0 • (H) State Admin. Passed 15-5 • (H) 2nd reading passed 53-47 • (H) 3rd reading passed 53-47 • (S) Signed by Governor • Chapter Number Assigned
SB 263	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Died in Standing Committee	Revise laws on public retirement system investments	Opposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising how public employee retirement funds may be invested • (S) State Admin Tabled in Committee
SB 268	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	Chapter Number Assigned	Generally revise transparency in state employee settlement laws	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act revising laws regarding transparency in settlements • (S) Judiciary passed 8-3 • (S) 2nd reading passed 47-2 • (S) 3rd reading passed 48-2 • (H) Judiciary passed 15-4 • (H) 2nd reading passed 59-41 • (H) 3rd reading concurred 61-39 • (S) 2nd reading House amendments concurred 48-2 • (S) 3rd reading passed as amended by the House 34-16 • (S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 346	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(S) Died in Process	Establish the small business retirement program	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An act creating the Montana optional retirement for employees savings program • (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs passed 6-4 • (S) Finance and Claims passed 16-2 • (S) 2nd reading passed 28-22 • (S) 3rd reading failed 24-26

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SR 27	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Filed with Secretary of State	Confirm Governor's appointees to boards of PERS and Veterans Affairs	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resolution of the senate of the state of Montana concurring in, confirming, and consenting to appointments to the public employees' retirement board and the board of veterans' affairs • (S) State Admin. Passed 8-0 • (S) Resolution adopted 49-0 • (S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 59	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Filed with Secretary of State	Confirm Governor's appointee to Public Employees' Retirement Board	Tracked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resolution of the senate of the state of Montana concurring in, confirming, and consenting to the appointment to the public employees' retirement board • (S) State Admin passed 7-0 • (S) Resolution Adopted 49-1 • S) Filed with Secretary of State