

# MAS' Weekly Legislative Newsletter

## 18th Week at the Capitol

May 3, 2024

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### **(ERBRF) Addressed in MDOT's Conference Report** **(House Bill 1826)**

On Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the House and Senate Chamber both adopted the conference report for House Bill 1826. This measure is the budget appropriation for the State Department of Transportation (MDOT). Section 20 of this measure states beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 there is a line-item appropriation for \$90 million for the ERBR Program. This measure will head to the Governor for consideration.

### **Second Conference Report Adopted for Special Projects** **Bill** **(Senate Bill 2468)**

On Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the House and Senate Chamber both adopted the conference report for Senate Bill 2468. Highlighted in this measure is \$30 million for ERBR, \$110 million for PERS, and \$227 million for the 2024 Local Improvements Projects Fund. This measure will now head to the Governor for consideration.

### **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Measure** **is Now Due from the Governor** **(Senate Bill 3231)**

Senate Bill 3231 is currently "Due From Governor" for the date of 5/8/24. As a reminder, this measure revises the employer contribution rate increase and it redefines the responsibilities of the PERS Board of Trustees and State Legislature.

### **Governor Signs College Foundation Ad Valorem** **Exemption Measure** **(Senate Bill 2697)**

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, Governor Tate Reeves signed Senate Bill 2697 into state law. This measure revises provisions regarding property belonging to college foundations.

### **Governor Signs Repealer Extension regarding Inmate Medical Cost into Law (House Bill 757)**

On April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, Governor Tate Reeves signed House Bill 757 into state law. This measure will extend the repealer to year 2027 for the mandate that states counties shall not be responsible for no more than the Medicaid Reimbursement Rate regarding pretrial detainees and state inmates regarding medical cost.

### **Governor Signs Use Tax Measure into Law (Senate Bill 2492)**

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, Governor Tate Reeves signed Senate Bill 2492 into state law. This measure revises certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure purposes.

### **Mental Health Measure Heads to the Governor (House Bill 1640)**

Both the House and Senate Chamber has adopted the conference report for House Bill 1640. This measure will now transmit to the Governor for consideration. This measure revises procedures for the screening, evaluation, and commitments for those with issues of mental health.

### **Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Heads to the Governor (Senate Bill 3047)**

Both the House and Senate Chamber has adopted the conference report for Senate Bill 3047. This measure will now transmit to the Governor for consideration. This measure is the appropriation for the State Department of Revenue and it contains the Homestead Exemption Reimbursement for \$92 million.

## **Beaver Control Assistance Program (BCAP) Funding Heads to the Governor (Senate Bill 3036)**

Both the House and Senate Chamber has adopted the conference report for Senate Bill 3036. This measure is the appropriation for the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce and it contains a line item appropriation for the BCAP Program for \$1.1 million. This measure will now transmit to the Governor for consideration.

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### **Next Legislative Deadline:**

The Eighteenth week of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session is now complete. The deadline for Final Adoption of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills and the deadline for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed has passed. The deadline for SINE DIE is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. NOTE: The has extended the session beyond the SINE DIE date to May 14<sup>th</sup>.