

2026 Legislation Impacting MERS

SB 8 (Price)

Systems Impacted: MERS

Amends the definition of “employer” to include the LA Asset Management Pool (LAMP).

MERS Position: Neutral

Status: Act 221, effective 5/15/26

SB 16 (Price)

Systems Impacted: State & Statewide

Changes the educational requirements for retirement system trustees to require seven (rather than eight) hours of investments, two (rather than four) hours of actuarial science, and one (rather than two) hours of laws, rules, and regulations.

MERS Position: Support

Status: Act 226, effective 8/31/26

SB 18 (Price) Requested by MERS

Systems Impacted: MERS

As amended, returns the part-time rehired retiree restrictions to the same posture that existed prior to the 2024 amendment. Allows the rehired retirees who are at least age 60 and who retired with at least 30 years of creditable service to remain in continuous service if they were hired pursuant to the 2024 amendment and prior to July 1, 2026.

MERS Position: Support

Status: Act 228, effective 8/1/26

SB 22 (Carter)

Systems Impacted: MERS

Amends the definition of “employer” to include marshals or constables of city courts not otherwise eligible for membership in any other local, state, or statewide retirement system.

MERS Position: Neutral

Status: Act 406, effective 5/24/26

SR 22 (Foil)

Systems Impacted: State & Statewide

Requests that the Law Institute study and recommend legislation relative to the division of retirement benefits after divorce.

Status: Enrolled

HB 8 (Bacala)**Systems Impacted:** State & Statewide

Changes the time period for authorizing legislative staff to attend executive sessions of retirement system meetings from one year to four years.

MERS Position: Neutral**Status:** Act 19, effective 8/1/26**HB 21 (Glorioso)****Systems Impacted:** MERS

Replaces the term “municipality” with “participating employer” in various MERS statutes. Creates a presumption that an elected official is full-time absent a declaration that the position is part-time.

MERS Position: Neutral¹**Status:** Act 278, effective 8/1/26

¹ The Board opposed the bill when it would have made the rehired retiree exception permanent. That provision was deleted in the House Retirement Committee, and the bill became technical in nature.