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SUAA Mini Briefing

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In an attempt to keep the membership up-to-date . . .

Only the Senate was under the dome this week. Today is the deadline for substantive bills to be filed in the Senate. Thus far 1,925 bills have been filed in the Senate; a substantial number are shell bills.

Valentine's Day brought the Senate's focus to **SB10** - Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act sponsored by Senator Heather Steans (D - 7th District). After much deliberation on the Senate floor the bill was approved 34 - 21 - 2. Senator Jason Barickman (R - 53rd District) was the lone Republican vote. SB10 advances to the House which will no doubt be the largest obstacle to overcome. Rep. Greg Harris (D - 13th District) is the sponsor in the House. Moves to the House Rules Committee for assignment.

SB1224 - sponsored by Senator Matt Murphy (R - 27th District) - was approved by the Senate Executive Committee (10 - 0 - 5). The bill amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Cook County, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. These provisions apply would apply to employees who first become participants on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

- Prohibits payments for unused sick or vacation time from being used to calculate pensionable earnings and salary.
- Prohibits unused sick or vacation time from being used to establish service credit.

The Senate Democrats sent out a newsletter with an article that should be of interest - "[The Pension Promise Paradigms](#) Pension Promise Paradigms".

Another informational piece is from the **American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)**:

[Rich States, Poor States](#) (5th Edition)

The House will be in on Tuesday, February 19th. Deadline for its substantive bills is February 26th. Senate will not return until February 27th.

For reliable updates during the week check out the State Journal Register's - [The Dome](#).

As always check the Legislation that SUAA is tracking by following the actionTrack Reports on the SUAA website.