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**LD 2148 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Health Insurance Premium Cap for State Employees**

Public Law 2025, chapter 685 amends the laws governing the health insurance premium cap for state employees. It provides that the total premium increase for active and retired state employee health insurance for fiscal years ending after June 30, 2026 is limited to no more than any percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index plus 10%. The limitation does not apply to the fully insured Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan.

**LD 2158 An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee**

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 14 provides temporary authority for the Knox County commissioners to appoint eligible residents to the budget committee whenever, due to a vacancy, a quorum cannot be attained. This law establishes a process for recognizing recommendations of eligible residents of Knox County put forward by municipalities located in the district for the seat that is vacant. The law does not affect the requirement of the budget committee to fill vacancies once it has a quorum. The authority granted by this law expires December 31, 2028.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 14 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2026.

**LD 2180 An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the State Civil Service Appeals Board**

Public Law 2025, chapter 663 makes the following changes to the laws related to the State Civil Service Appeals Board and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and their functions.

1. It adds exemptions to the laws governing the unauthorized practice of law for a person who is not an attorney but is representing the State before the State Civil Service Appeals Board on a reclassification, reallocation or reorganization appeal or is representing the State before an arbitrator related to a grievance filed under a collective bargaining agreement.
2. It amends the laws governing the procedure an aggrieved employee and a state department or agency head must follow in order for a dispute to be submitted to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.