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Closer to a Budget

The Senate presented its budget bill in the Appropriations Committee this week. SEANC has already [updated you on the highlights](#) as they pertain to state employees and retirees. The biggest news in the budget for state employees is merit pay raise funding for 2012-2013 and full funding of the state retirement system.

The bill passed the Appropriations Committee Wednesday and will be voted on in the Senate on Tuesday, June 1. After the bill passes the Senate, the House and Senate will resolve differences in the two bills and prepare a final budget to send to the Governor.

SEANC Dues

[Senate Bill 727](#), which would stop associations from deducting public school employee dues, was heard in the Senate Rules Committee last week.

In the Senate Rules Committee, several Democratic Senators expressed the desire to eliminate dues payroll deduction from state employees as well as teachers. Leading the charge to hurt state employees were Sens. Linda Garrou (D-Forsyth) and Eric Mansfield (D-Cumberland).

When the bill came to the floor on Thursday, Sen. Martin Nesbitt (D-Buncombe) and Sen. Garrou immediately expressed that they felt that what this bill did was wrong. However, they followed their belief that it was wrong to do this to teachers with the opinion that it should be done to state employees as well.

In fact during debate of the bill, Sen. Garrou wanted to eliminate dues payroll deduction from state employees badly enough to file an amendment to do so. Sen. Dan Blue (D-Wake) spoke in favor of Garrou's anti-worker amendment, which failed 17-30.

Apparently Sens. Nesbitt, Garrou, Mansfield and Blue are not big believers in "two wrongs don't make a right."

SEANC Warriors

This coming Monday is Memorial Day. We hope everyone enjoys the holiday in remembrance of those who lost their lives in service to our country. The General Assembly will not be taking up any bills Monday in observance of Memorial Day so there will be no SEANC Warriors.