



***GEORGIA STATE RETIREES ASSOCIATION***

## **GSRA Goals and Objectives for 2019 - 2020**

- Obtain a 3% COLA for ERS Retirees.
- Have future COLAs awarded on the same basis as TRS COLAs.
- Amend bills which benefit single or limited number of retirement systems' beneficiaries so that they benefit beneficiaries of all other systems equitably.
- Ensure SHBP insurance rates and benefits remain the same with no increased cost in premiums or out of pocket expenses.
- Have one of several proposed candidates for vacant ERS board member favorably considered by the Governor. Support legislation to parallel TRS code requiring appointing authorities for several board of trustees vacancies to consider nominees put forth by a nominating committee.
- Support any Tax Reform that does not adversely affect retirees or low- and middle-income Georgians and that does not hinder the ability of the state of Georgia to provide essential services and meet financial responsibilities and obligations.
- Oppose any attempt to use ERS pension fund for any purpose other than direct payment of benefits to beneficiaries. This includes use of fund to buy life insurance for beneficiaries with payments to be made to the fund ("dead peasants" insurance).
- Continue efforts to contact all retired and active ERS members in effort to expand our membership.