

GSRA is half-way to accomplishing another of its major legislative goals! SB 343 by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler would enable GSEPS retirees to be eligible for COLAs among other things including substantially increasing the employer match for employees' 401(k) savings. SB 343 passed the Senate almost unanimously this morning. You can view Sen. Hufstetler's presentation starting at 1:01:43 of this link: <https://vimeo.com/675984012>. Senators Nan Orrock, Billy Hickman, Gail Davenport and Blake Tillery also took to the well to speak in favor of the bill. Making this event even more special, Senators Orrock, Hickman and Davenport made impassioned pleas for funding to be added to the current funding recommended by Governor Kemp to enable more meaningful COLAs to be paid to ERS retirees.

ERS retirees and active employees are very indebted to these fine senators along with Senators Butch Miller and Elena Parent who also sponsored SB 343, and members of the Senate Retirement Committee Chaired by Sen. Randy Robertson. GSRA suggests that you contact them and thank them for their support, particularly if you are their constituents.