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# Legislation

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## Summary of VRS Bills



This summary provides an overview of bills passed during the 2019 session of the General Assembly that affect the Virginia Retirement System (VRS).

For full details on each bill, enter the bill number in the search field on the [Legislative Information System \(LIS\)](#). On the bill's summary page, select the link to the PDF version.

### 2019 Bills

#### Senate Bill 1227 **K-12 Critical Shortage**

Extends to July 2025 the sunset date for the [K-12 critical shortage program](#).

Under the provisions of the program, a retiree may be eligible to teach or serve as a principal or assistant principal in a critical shortage position. If the retiree qualifies, he or she will continue to receive VRS retirement benefits.

#### State Budget **Employer Contribution Rates**

- Funds 100 percent of the VRS board-certified retirement contribution rates for teachers, state employees, the State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS), the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) and the Judicial Retirement System (JRS).
- Funds 100 percent of the VRS board-certified other post-employment benefits (OPEB) contribution rates for the health insurance credit for state employees and teachers, group life insurance for state employees, the employer share of the teachers' group life insurance program and the Virginia Sickness and Disability Program (VSDP).