COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SPONSOR (S): DeLuca

SYSTEM(S): Downstate Fire

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 165, as amended by HA1, is only expected to affect the soon-to-be-hired fire chief in the Village of Crete. The bill will have a slight positive impact on the Village of Crete by eliminating the administrative costs required to start a downstate fire pension fund.

<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>: HB 165, as amended by HA1, grants certain firefighters IMRF Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employee (or SLEP) status under specific conditions.

<u>COMMENT</u>: HB 165, as amended by HA1, alters the definition of "municipality" to not include any village with a population between 8,250 and 8,260 inhabitants, as reported by the United States Census Bureau in the 2010 Census of Population, so long as that village has less than 2 full-time paid firefighters. Full-time firefighters that are employed by an aforementioned municipality that has not established a Downstate Fire pension fund shall be considered a member of the IMRF Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees (or SLEP) Plan.

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