COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 0350** January 12, 2017

SPONSOR (S): McSweeney

SYSTEM(S): GARS, Downstate Police, Downstate Fire, Chicago Police, Chicago Fire, IMRF, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers, Chicago Park District, MWRD, SERS, SURS, TRS, Chicago Teachers, JRS.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of HB 0350 cannot be determined as the number of members who will be convicted of felonies under the circumstances contemplated by this bill are unknown. The impact would presumably be very small and would only be limited to the surviving spouses of new Tier 2 employees in the affected systems.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 0350 amends several articles of the Illinois Pension Code to establish a felony forfeiture provision pertaining to surviving spouses who are convicted of a felony related to the service of the member from whom the benefit results.

COMMENT: HB 0350 amends several articles of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill establishes the provision that survivor benefits shall not be paid to any person who is convicted of a felony relating to or arising from the service of the member from whom the benefit results. The bill contains language stating that this change shall not impair any contract or vested right acquired by a survivor prior to the effective date of this Amendatory Act, and that all new members entering service after the effective date shall be deemed to have consented to the foregoing provision as a condition of participation.

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