COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 815** February 10, 2017

SPONSOR (S): Zalewski

SYSTEM(S): Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 815 is nearly identical to SB 763, as engrossed, from the 99th General Assembly, with the only notable exception being that SB 763 only affected members of Article 4 (Downstate Fire) pension funds. According to IMRF, SB 0763 was projected to only affect the firefighters of Bedford Park and possibly the Village of Rosemont. This was projected to only affect about 65 firefighters at most.

Note - SB 763 from the 99th GA was vetoed and the veto was sustained.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 815 would allow certain officers and firefighters to obtain SLEP (Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees) status under IMRF.

COMMENT: HB 815 amends the IMRF article of the Illinois Pension Code. It provides that a full-time police officer or firefighter of a participating municipality, that has at least 30 full-time police officers, 50 full-time firefighters, and has not established a Downstate Police or Downstate Fire pension fund, would be considered a member of SLEP (Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees), but only if the governing authority of that municipality approves it via affirmative resolution.

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