

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 5289**

April 13, 2018

SPONSOR (S): Martwick

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Firefighters

FISCAL IMPACT: There is currently no actuarial cost study available for HB 5289. An updated note will be submitted when such a study has been made available.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 5289 proposes a 3% COLA increase for widows of Chicago Firefighters each year beginning in 2019 or after the tenth anniversary of the firefighter's death, whichever occurs later.

COMMENT: HB 5289 amends the Chicago Firefighters Article of the Illinois Pension Code. It provides that the COLAs for every widow's annuity, other than a term annuity, shall be increased January 1, 2019 or the January 1 occurring on or immediately after the tenth anniversary of the deceased firefighter's death or the widow's attainment of age 60, whichever occurs later. The COLA shall be increased by 3% of the original amount and will occur on each subsequent January 1 after the first increase. These increases apply without regard to whether or not the deceased firefighter is in service on or after the effective date of this bill.

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