

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 0958**

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SPONSOR (S): Hamos

SYSTEM(S): Downstate Police, Fire

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernable fiscal impact associated with HB 0958.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 0958 amends the Downstate Police and Fire articles of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill requires the boards of directors of Downstate Police and Fire pension funds to provide written notice of each meeting to the mayor of the village or town president at least 48 hours prior to that meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernable fiscal impact associated with HB 0958.

COMMENT: The Open Meetings Act defines “meeting” as any gathering whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone call, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic chat, and instant messaging), or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business or, for a 5-member public body, a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business. HB 0958 requires Downstate Police and Fire pension fund boards to provide written notice of each meeting to the mayor or village or town president at least 48 hours prior to that meeting. The bill further specifies that if the pension board fails to provide such notice, then any action taken at that meeting is invalid.

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