

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 0214**

February 10, 2009

SPONSOR (S): Sullivan

SYSTEM(S): State Employees' Retirement System

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** SB 0214 amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code to allow the purchase of service credit by any employee who rendered full-time contractual services for an Illinois Veterans' Home operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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**COMMENTS:** Currently, the Illinois Pension Code lists specific periods of service for which a member may purchase optional service credit. SB 0214 amends the State Employees Article of the Pension Code to add service as a contractor for an Illinois Veterans' Home to this approved list. Members are required to pay all contributions as of the date specified. In addition, SB 0214 states that allowing employees to establish service credit for this type of service constitutes a new benefit increase and this increase shall be funded by the additional employee and employer contributions.

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