

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 3384**

March 1, 2010

SPONSOR(S): Schoenberg

SYSTEM(S): State Employees' Retirement System, Judges Retirement System

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernable fiscal impact associated with SB 3384.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 3384 amends the State Employees Article of the Illinois Pension Code to allow a member of the Illinois Gaming Board to elect not to participate in SERS with respect to that service. The bill also amends the Judges' Article of the Pension Code to specify that service as a member of the Gaming Board will not result in suspension of a Judges' pension.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernable fiscal impact associated with SB 3384.

COMMENT:

Re-Entry into SERS after Retirement

Currently, under the SERS Article of the Illinois Pension Code, an annuitant who re-enters the service of a State Agency and receives compensation on a regular payroll shall receive no payments of the retirement annuity during the time he is so employed. SB 3384 adds an exception to this, providing that an annuitant who accepts employment as a member of the Illinois Gaming Board may elect to not participate in this System with respect to that service, and any annuitant who elects to not participate in this System with respect to that service is not considered to make a re-entry after retirement.

Retirement Annuity Suspension upon Reemployment into JRS

Currently, a participant of JRS receiving a retirement annuity who is regularly employed for compensation by an employer other than a county will have his or her retirement annuity payments suspended during such employment. Upon termination of such employment, retirement annuity payments will be resumed at the previous rate. SB 3384 adds any participant who services on the Illinois Gaming Board to the list of positions that will not cause a suspension in a Judge's pension.

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