## COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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BILL NO: SB 3501, as amended by SA 1

SPONSOR (S): Jacobs

SYSTEM(S): Cook County

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Cook County pension fund, SB 3501, as amended by SA 1, will have no fiscal impact upon the pension fund.

<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>: SB 3501, as amended by SA 1, amends the Cook County Article of the Pension Code to specify that ordinary disability benefits are not payable when the disability commences during any period of absence from duty without pay.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Cook County pension fund, SB 3501, as amended by SA 1, will have no fiscal impact upon the pension fund.

<u>COMMENT</u>: The Pension Code currently specifies that a member of the Cook County pension fund is not eligible for an ordinary disability benefit unless the disability commences while he or she is working or on paid vacation. Since there are various other forms of time off that employees may avail themselves of (sick time, personal time, bereavement time, etc.) the pension fund seeks this statutory change to clarify that the only time an employee would not receive an ordinary disability benefit is when the disability commences during an absence from duty without pay. According to the fund's executive director, this amendment codifies current practice and will have no fiscal impact upon the pension fund.

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