

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 1956**

February 24, 2011

SPONSOR (S): Nekritz

SYSTEM(S): IMRF

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernable fiscal impact associated with HB 1956.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 1956 amends the IMRF article of the Pension Code to allow retired members who return to work for an IMRF employer in a position requiring less than the employer's hourly standard for participation in IMRF to keep their pension. The bill does not allow IMRF retirees who return to work in a position that participates in IMRF to continue to receive their pension at the same time.

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COMMENT: According to IMRF, the return-to-work proposal would have no cost to IMRF employers as retirees would not be permitted to earn additional pension credits while simultaneously collecting a pension benefit. The bill allows a subset of members to continue receiving their pensions while working in a position that does not qualify for IMRF participation.

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