

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 3355**

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SPONSOR (S): Raoul

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Police

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** SB 3355 amends the Chicago Police article of the Pension Code to grant 3% simple COLA's to policemen born after Jan 1. 1955. These members would also not be subjected to the current 30% limitation on post-retirement COLA's.

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**COMMENT:** Under current law, members of the Chicago Police Pension Fund who were born prior to Jan. 1, 1955 are entitled to a 3.0% simple COLA starting at age 55. Those born after Jan. 1, 1955 are entitled to a 1.5% simple COLA starting at age 60 and limited to a maximum increase of 30%. SB 3355 allows all members born on or after January 1, 1955 to receive the 3% simple COLA without the 30% maximum.

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