

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 1377**

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SPONSOR(S): Burke, Daniel

SYSTEM(S): All Downstate Firefighters Pension Funds

FISCAL IMPACT: Disability pensions for all downstate firemen pension funds would increase under HB 1377 whenever a fireman is injured during any training activity. The fiscal impact on each downstate firemen pension fund cannot be precisely determined because the number of firemen injured during future training activities cannot be known at this time.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 1377 amends the Downstate Firefighters Article of the Illinois Pension Code to increase the number of activities which would qualify as an act of duty in determining eligibility for disability pensions.

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COMMENT: HB 1377 expands the list of activities which constitute an act of duty for the purpose of qualifying downstate firemen for disability pensions. Any qualifying injury during any training assignment approved by the chief of the fire department will result in the granting of a disability pension. These training assignments may be either inside or outside of the boundaries of the fire district. Such activity shall be considered an act of duty even if performed without compensation. The resulting disability pension shall be equal to the greater of (1) 65% the monthly salary attached to the individual firefighter's rank at the time normal payroll ends, or (2) The retirement pension that the firefighter would be eligible to receive if he or she retired.

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