

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 4478**

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SPONSOR (S): Phelps

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Police and Firefighters Pension Funds

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 4478 would have a positive impact on overall pension liability as additional revenues for the Chicago Police & Fire funds would improve their overall level of unfunded liability.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 4478 amends the Chicago Police and Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Under this legislation, any gaming revenue collected by the City of Chicago from new sources coming from legislation enacted in 2013 or later must have 20 percent of that revenue deposited in both the Chicago Police and Firefighter Pension Funds (for a total of 40 percent of any new gaming revenue).

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COMMENT: The proposed legislation would account for a total of 40 percent of all new gaming revenue for the City of Chicago from any gaming source. This would include any new casinos, video gaming expansions or other gaming revenue sources enacted in legislation in 2014 or after. This legislation is identical to HB 1518 and has a State Mandates exemption for reimbursement by the state for implementation.

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