COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 0239**

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SPONSOR(S): Yingling

SYSTEM(S): General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighters', Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighters', Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Chicago Municipal, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Chicago Laborers', Chicago Park District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, State Employees', State Universities', Downstate Teachers', Chicago Teachers', and Judges' Articles of the Illinois Pension Code

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of HB 0239 cannot be determined as the number of members who will be impacted by felony forfeiture provisions added by HB 0239 is not known.

<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>: HB 0239 amends multiple articles of the Illinois Pension Code regarding felony forfeiture proceedings. HB 0239 would require that the Attorney General and State's Attorney for the county in which the felony occurred be parties to the proceeding.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: The fiscal impact of HB 0239 cannot be determined as the number of members who will be impacted by felony forfeiture provisions added by HB 0239 is not known.

<u>COMMENT</u>: HB 0239 amends multiple articles of the Illinois Pension Code to require that for any proceedings related to termination of benefits due to felony charges, the Board shall make the Attorney General and the State's Attorney for the county in which the felony occurred parties to the proceeding. HB 0239 would also allow the Attorney General and State's Attorney to contest the eligibility of the person convicted of the felony, and to also seek judicial review of the board's decision not to terminate benefits because of a felony conviction.

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