

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: SB 763

February 17, 2015

SPONSOR (S): Sandoval

SYSTEM(S): IMRF

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SUBJECT MATTER: SB 763 amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The proposed legislation would allow certain firefighters to be classified as Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees (SLEP) at the discretion of their employing municipality, based on employment from January 1, 2011 onwards.

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COMMENT: The SLEP approval may not be rescinded once it is conferred onto the firefighter. The approval is designated for persons not eligible to participate in a Downstate Firefighters pension fund. This legislation has an immediate effective date.

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