

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 1445**

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SPONSOR (S): McAuliffe – Joyce, et al.

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Police Article

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** HB 1445 amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. This bill provides that, for the purposes of child's annuities, no age limitation shall apply to a child who is so physically or mentally handicapped as to be unable to support himself or herself.

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**COMMENT:** Currently, a child's annuity shall be provided for unmarried natural or adopted children of policemen, payable monthly, from the date of the policeman parent's death until the child's attainment of age 18 except as limited by several provisions contingent upon: (a) A policeman whose death results from injury incurred in the performance of an act or acts of duty; (b) a policeman who dies in service from any cause; (c) a policeman who withdraws upon or after attainment of age 50 and who enters upon or is eligible for annuity; (d) a present employee with at least 20 years of service who dies after withdrawal, whether or not he has entered upon annuity. HB 1445 provides that age limitation shall apply to a child who is so physically or mentally handicapped as to be unable to support himself or herself. Benefits shall not be reduced or terminated by reason of any child's attainment of age 18 if he is dependent due to a physical or mental disability but shall continue to be paid as long as his or her dependency continues. "Disability" means inability to engage in any substantial activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

HB 1445 amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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