

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 5514**

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SPONSOR (S): **Dunn**

SYSTEM(S): **Downstate Police Article, Downstate Firefighters' Article**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact of HB 5514 cannot be determined as it is unknown whether testimony from an employing municipality in a disability hearing will impact a pension board's decision on whether or not to grant a disability award.

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** HB 5514 amends the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighters' Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to allow employing municipalities to participate in any board hearing related to the granting of disability pension benefits.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact of HB 5514 cannot be determined as it is unknown whether testimony from an employing municipality in a disability hearing will impact a pension board's decision on whether or not to grant a disability award.

**COMMENT:** Currently, a police officer or firefighter who is physically or mentally disabled as a result of sickness, accident or injury resulting from the performance of an act of duty that has rendered his or her suspension or retirement as a police officer or firefighter shall be entitled to a disability retirement pension equal to the greatest of 1) 65% of the salary attached to the rank held by him or her in the police or fire department, 2) the retirement pension that the police officer or firefighter would be eligible to receive if he or she retired (but not including any automatic annual increase in that retirement pension). HB 5514 provides that an employing municipality shall have the right to participate in any board hearing related to the granting of disability pension benefits.

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