

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 2479**

March 8, 2008

SPONSOR (S): Cullerton

SYSTEM(S): Cook County Pension Fund

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of SB 2479 cannot be determined but is expected to be minimal.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 2479 amends the Cook County Article of the Illinois Pension Code. This bill proposes that any county corrections officer who suffers a heart attack or stroke as a result of the performance and discharge of his or her duty will be eligible for a duty disability benefit.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of SB 2479 cannot be determined but is expected to be minimal.

COMMENT: Currently, a member of the Cook County Pension Fund who becomes disabled as a result of the performance and discharge of an act of duty is entitled to receive an ordinary disability benefit. The amount of an ordinary disability benefit is 50% of the employee's annual salary at the date of disability. SB 2479 provides any county corrections officer who suffers a heart attack or stroke as a result of the performance and discharge of an act of duty is entitled to receive duty disability benefits. The amount of a duty disability benefit is equal to 75% of the employee's salary at the date of injury, reduced by the amount that the employee received in Workers' Compensation benefits.

SB 2479 amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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