

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 2809**

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SPONSOR (S): Hoffman

SYSTEM(S): Downstate Police

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 2809 will likely have a substantial impact on affected Downstate Police pension funds. According to the Department of Insurance, HB 2809 could award Tier 1 benefits to Police Officers whose employee contributions were calculated based on a Tier 2 pension. The amount of potentially affected annuitants is currently unknown.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 2809 provides that a police officer, previously enrolled in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), who enters a new Downstate Police pension fund, may use his or her start date with IMRF as the start date for the new fund.

COMMENT: HB 2809 amends the Downstate Police article of the Illinois Pension Code. It provides that a police officer who previously participated in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), for service as a member of the police department of a municipality, and was transferred to that municipality's Downstate Police fund upon its creation, be deemed to have become a police officer and member of that fund on the date that he or she first participated in IMRF, notwithstanding whether that start date was before January 1, 2011.

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