

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 2970**

February 14, 2017

SPONSOR (S): Zalewski

SYSTEM(S): Cook County

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 2970 would have no discernable fiscal impact on pension liabilities as this legislation does not affect current or future member liabilities.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 2970 amends the Cook County Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The proposed legislation would allow the pension board to pay the benefit due an annuitant to certain nursing homes, hospitals, or mental institutions if the annuitant is confined at one of those places and under certain circumstances.

COMMENT: The proposed legislation would allow the pension board to pay out the benefit due to an annuitant (certified by a medical doctor to be under legal disability) to the nursing home, hospital, or mental institution where they are confined. This is only in the case of the annuitant (1) having no spouse, blood relative or other person providing or caring for them, (2) having no guardian of their estate, and (3) confined to a Medicare approved, State certified nursing home or to a publicly owned and operated nursing home, hospital, or mental institution. The payment would be used for the sole benefit of the person under legal disability and is an absolute discharge of the Fund's liability with respect to the amount so paid. The person or organization accepting that payment must notify the fund of the death or other relevant change in status of the person under legal disability. This legislation has an immediate effective date.

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