

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 0654**

January 30, 2017

SPONSOR (S): Biss

SYSTEM(S): SURS

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with SB 0654. To the extent that the bill allows for a more streamlined administration of benefits and a more thorough medical review of disability cases, the bill should have a slight positive fiscal impact.

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** SB 0654 amends the SURS article of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill makes clarifying changes regarding the transition from disability annuities to retirement annuities, as well as requirements for the physical examination of disability annuitants. SB 0654 also grants the SURS board subpoena powers in certain situations to facilitate a more streamlined operation of the administration of benefits.

**COMMENT:** SB 0654 clarifies that for a disability recipient, retirement annuity shall not begin before the discontinuation of a disability retirement annuity. The bill also provides for the discontinuation of a disability retirement annuity in cases where the disabled annuitant refuses to submit to a reasonable physical examination by a physician approved by the SURS board. SB 0654 also mandates that the SURS board promulgate administrative rules regarding the filing, investigation, control, and supervision of disability retirement annuity claims. The bill also grants the secretary of the board the power to issue subpoenas to facilitate the collection of sums of money that are due to the system, the determination of death of a benefit recipient, or the facilitation of obtaining personal identifying information necessary for the administration of benefits.

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