

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 1580**

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SPONSOR (S): Martwick

SYSTEM(S): SERS

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 1580 would have no discernable fiscal impact. This bill does not increase the number of annuitants who are eligible for disability benefits, but rather extends the ability to make disability determinations to all licensed healthcare professionals.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 1580 Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The proposed legislation would allow licensed health care professionals to make certain disability determinations. Current law provides that only licensed physicians may make this assessment.

COMMENT: This bill defines licensed health care professionals as any individual who has obtained a license through the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987, or under the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act or an advanced practice nurse licensed under the Nurse Practice Act. The proposed legislation also removes the requirement that the application must be submitted within 12 months of when the disability was sustained or resulted in loss of pay.

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