COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 0471, as amended by HA 3** May 22, 2020

SPONSOR (S): Lightford –Gillespie, et al. (Hoffman – Cassidy, et al.)

SYSTEM(S): Downstate Police

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact to pension funds that employ public safety personnel as a result of SB 0471, as amended by HA 3. The number of public safety employees who will contract COVID-19 during the time period enumerated in the bill cannot be predicted.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 0471, as amended by HA 3, amends the Public Employee Disability Act. The bill extends by 60 days the period of time that an injured public safety officer will continue to be paid by his or her employer due to COVID-19.

COMMENT: Under the provisions of the Public Employee Disability Act, a public safety employee employed by the State of Illinois, a unit of local government, or state university who suffers an injury in the line of duty such that he or she cannot perform his or her duties will continue to be paid by his or her employer for a period not longer than one year in relation to that injury. Under HA 3 to SB 0471, this one-year limit of salary payment during injury is extended by 60 days for situations in which the public safety officer contracts COVID-19 on or after March 9, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2020.

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