

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 1810**

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SPONSOR (S): Glowiak – T. Cullerton

SYSTEM(S): GARS

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 1810 would have an unknown fiscal impact to the state, as no detail is provided within the legislation as to the way existing liabilities would be paid down without new members from both the House and Senate entering the system. This information would need to be known before the fiscal impact could be accurately calculated.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 1810 amends the General Assembly article of the Illinois Pension Code to limit participation in GARS to individuals who are first elected or appointed to the General Assembly before the effective date of the legislation, after which, no new Senate members will be accepted.

COMMENT: The proposed legislation would reduce some future liability for GARS as new members would only come from the House of Representatives. The most recent actuarial valuation estimates 627 members by June 30, 2018, and an unfunded actuarial liability of \$312.5 million. Currently, there are 87 active members including legislators and statewide officers and 37 new individuals eligible for coverage after the 2018 election.

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