

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 1777**

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SPONSOR (S): Hoffman

SYSTEM(S): Collateral Provisions Article

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with HB 1777. Under the Illinois Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA), public safety employees become entitled to a health insurance benefit upon the receipt of a duty disability benefit under the pertinent article of the Pension Code. (Please see the Commission's December 2020 Report on the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act for more details). This bill does not provide for any enhancement of existing catastrophic injury insurance benefits, but only references notification regarding benefits that public safety workers are already entitled to.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 1777 mandates that Chicago police officers and firefighters must be notified of catastrophic injury benefits available to them and that those benefits are to be provided immediately.

COMMENT: Current law allows home rule units to establish an ordinance that provides for the medical costs associated with a police officer or firefighter who is injured in the line of duty. HB 1777 would stipulate that a home rule unit which establishes the above ordinance in cities over 1,000,000 in Illinois (Chicago being the only city to meet this criterion) must include in that ordinance a requirement to notify an injured employee of the benefits they're entitled to, and a requirement that the city provide the injured employee with those benefits prior to the issuance of the aforementioned notice.

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