

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE 103RD General Assembly

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BILL NO: **HB 3343**

SPONSOR (S): Burke

SYSTEM: Chicago Police

FISCAL IMPACT

A request has been made of the Chicago Police Pension Fund for the number of officers who have established the service credit described below since the enactment of P.A. 95-1036, and the amounts that the pension fund board has required for the establishment of this optional service credit. The number of police officers to whom the specific application parameters for optional service credit described in the bill applies is not known, although it is presumed to be small. An updated note will be issued when all the pertinent information becomes available.

<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>: HB 3343 amends the Chicago Police Article of the Pension Code. The bill provides an exemption to a 2-year window to apply for optional service credit in the Chicago Police Pension Fund for law enforcement service in several other systems governed under the Pension Code, as articulated below.

<u>COMMENT:</u> P.A. 95-1036, which became effective on February 17th, 2009, permitted certain members of the Chicago Police Pension Fund to establish up to 10 years of optional service credit in the pension fund in 6-month increments for service in a law enforcement capacity in the following funds: a Downstate Police Pension Fund, IMRF, Cook County, Cook County Forest Preserve, Metro Water, SERS, SURS, and the Chicago Transit Authority. The Act stipulated that the police officer must apply in writing within 2 years of when they began employment as a Chicago Police Officer, and pays to the fund "an amount determined by the fund" to establish the optional service credit.

HB 3343 creates an exemption to the 2-year window to establish the aforementioned service credit in the case of an active police officer who became a member of the Chicago Police Pension

Fund on or after December 1, 2019 and makes an application for the credit prior to December 1, 2023, and pays to the Chicago Police fund within 5 years of the date of the application an amount to be determined by the Fund to establish the optional service credit.

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