



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *103RD General Assembly*

BILL NO: **HB 4068**

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SPONSOR (S): Schmidt – Severin, et al.

SYSTEM: Downstate Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Article

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of HB 4068 is unknown since TRS maintains that the number of individuals who accept employment while still receiving retirement benefits is unknown. To the extent that a retirement pension is paid out by TRS that would otherwise not be under current law, there would be an undetermined negative impact on the pension fund.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 4068 amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill increases the limits at which teachers may accept employment without impairing their retirement benefits through June 30, 2026.

COMMENT: Current law enacted by P.A. 102-0537, which took effect on August 20, 2021, allowed annuitants receiving an annuity other than a disability retirement annuity to accept employment as a teacher without impairing their retirement status if the employment was not within the school year during which the service ended and did not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours until June 30, 2023. After July 1, 2023, these limits decreased to 100 paid days or 500 paid hours.

HB 4068 amends the TRS article by setting these return-to-work limits back to 120 paid days or 600 paid hours through June 30, 2026. The limits would revert back to 100 paid days or 500 paid hours on July 1, 2026 under this bill.

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