



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *103RD General Assembly*

BILL NO: SB 1528

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SPONSOR (S): Tracy

SYSTEM: Downstate Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Article

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of SB 1528 is not known, as the number of retired teachers who return to service without impairment of their annuities is not known. To the extent that a retirement pension is paid out by TRS that would otherwise be prohibited under current law due to the extension of the current daily and hourly limits on annuitant return-to-service, there would be an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on the pension fund.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 1528 amends the Downstate Teachers' Retirement System article of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill increases the limits at which teachers may accept employment without impairing their retirement benefits.

COMMENT: Under current law, TRS allows annuitants receiving an annuity other than a disability retirement annuity to return to work as a teacher without impairment of retirement status, provided that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom.

SB 1528 amends the TRS article by allowing annuitants beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 to accept employment as a teacher without impairing their retirement benefits provided that the employment does not exceed 140 paid days or 700 paid hours in each school year. On June 1, 2024, pursuant to current statute, the limits would revert to 100 paid days or 500 paid hours in each school year. Current statute does not include a sunset date on the foregoing limits that begin on July 1, 2024.

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