



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *103RD General Assembly*

BILL NO: SB 1679

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SPONSOR (S): Martwick

SYSTEM: General Provisions Article (All Funds)

FISCAL IMPACT

SB 1679 would have no actuarially discernible fiscal impact, as the bill only deals with the sharing of the members' personal information with a specified entity (The Municipal Employees Society of Chicago).

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 1679 amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code to allow the Municipal Employees Society of Chicago to obtain access to pension fund member data that is otherwise prohibited by statute, as explained below.

COMMENT: Under current law, pension funds and retirement systems governed under the Pension Code are prohibited from disclosing the following member information:

- 1) The individual's home address (including ZIP code and county);
- 2) The individual's date of birth;
- 3) The individual's home and personal phone number;
- 4) The individual's personal email address;
- 5) Personally identifying member or participant deduction information; and
- 6) Any membership status in a labor organization or other voluntary association affiliated with a labor organization or labor federation (including whether participants are members of such organization, the identity of such organization, whether or not participants pay or authorize the payment of any dues or moneys to such organization, and the amounts of such dues or moneys).

The following disclosures are allowed by the Pension Code:

- 1) When disclosures are required under the Freedom of Information Act;
- 2) For the purposes of conducting public operations or business; or

- 3) To a labor organization or other voluntary association affiliated with a labor organization or labor federation.

SB 1679 amends Item #3 above, and allows pension fund member disclosures to be made to the Municipal Employees Society of Chicago. The Municipal Employees Society of Chicago is a labor union in Chicago, whose stated mission is “to educate and make Employees aware of all available benefit programs.”

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