



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *103RD General Assembly*

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SPONSOR (S): Cunningham
SYSTEM: Chicago Police

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FISCAL IMPACT

The number of Chicago Police Officers who would take a leave of absence to perform sworn law enforcement duties for Cook County, the State of Illinois, or the federal government is not known. To the extent that service credit accruals for such service might exceed those that have been recorded under current law, there would be a slight negative impact to the pension fund. The Chicago Police Pension Fund had an unfunded liability of \$12 billion and a funded ratio of 21% as of December 31, 2021.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 1877 amends the Chicago Police Article of the Pension Code. The bill changes the parameters of a program that allows Chicago Police Officers to accrue service credit with other governmental agencies while on leave of absence from the Chicago Police Department. A definitional change is made such that the leave must encompass work done in a “sworn law enforcement capacity” rather than in the service of “safety or investigative work.”

COMMENT: P.A. 102-0125, which took effect on July 23, 2021, permitted members of the Chicago Police Pension Fund to earn service credit in the fund for periods of leaves of absence from the City of Chicago and while assigned to perform safety or investigative work for Cook County, the State of Illinois, the federal government, or investigative work for the Chicago Police Department while employed as a civilian employee of the department. SB 1877 changes the parameters of such leaves of absence from performing “safety or investigative work” to performing “in a sworn law enforcement capacity” for all of the aforementioned public entities. The bill deletes the option to accrue service credit for investigative work performed while employed as a civilian employee of the Chicago Police Department that was added by P.A. 102-0125. SB 1877 states that these changes to the leave of absence service accrual program become operative on January 1, 2024, even though the bill has an immediate effective date.

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