



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *104TH General Assembly*

BILL NO: **HB 0079**

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SPONSOR (S): Haas

SYSTEM: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of HB 0079 is not known as the number of IMRF retirees whose annuities would not be suspended due to re-employment is not known. To the extent that retired persons with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund would be paid retirement benefits that would otherwise be suspended under current law, there would be a very slight negative impact on the pension fund. HB 0079 allows retired sheriff's law enforcement employees to return to work as a school security guard for an additional 400 hours each year for a total of 999 hours without suffering a suspension in retirement annuity, compared to the current limitation of 599 hours.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 0079 amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund article of the Illinois Pension Code. This bill provides that an annuitant will not have their retirement annuity suspended if they are employed as a security guard in a participating school district and work less than 999 hours per year.

COMMENT: Under current law, when an annuitant member of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund re-enters service and works more than 599 hours annually, any annuity previously granted to that annuitant shall be suspended. Effective immediately upon the enactment of this bill, HB 0079 would create an exemption to this annuity cancellation provision for retired sheriff's law enforcement employees re-employed as a school security guard for a school district that is covered under IMRF so long as the person does not work for more than 999 hours in a year.

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