



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *104th General Assembly*

BILL NO: **HB 2358**

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SPONSOR: Weber

SYSTEM: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)

FISCAL IMPACT

HB 2358 would require IMRF to begin paying all pension benefits within 30 days after the person has submitted a complete application for the pertinent benefit. In regard to HB 4870 from the 103rd General Assembly, which mandated the same change for members in the SERS alternative formula, SERS noted that shortened deadlines would lead to increased personnel costs and mandate either the overtime of existing personnel or delay the processing of other retirement claims. It is unknown if IMRF has similar concerns or if this mandate could be carried out seamlessly with their existing resources. This note will be updated as more information becomes available.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 2358 amends the IMRF article of the Illinois Pension Code to mandate that all benefit payments must commence no later than 30 days after a member or designated survivor has submitted a complete application for the pertinent benefit.

COMMENT: Under current law, the date of commencement for pension benefits in IMRF varies greatly between specific benefits. These different commencement dates are further explained in the table below.

Benefit	Commencement Period
Retirement	56 days after the first day of the month, following retirement
Disability	31 days after date of disability
Death / Survivor (Spouse and Child)	First day of the following month after their passing

HB 2358 amends the IMRF article of the Illinois Pension Code to mandate that all benefits payments must commence no later than 30 days after a participant has submitted a correct and complete application for a benefit that participant is entitled to. The list of benefits covered under this bill include, but are not limited to:

- Disability benefits;
- Death benefits;
- Retirement annuities; and
- Surviving spouse annuities

HB 4870 from the 103rd General Assembly mandated a similar change to SERS alternative formula beneficiaries. SERS noted that passage of that bill would require either an increase in personnel costs from overtime, or a delay in the processing of other retirement claims. HB 4870 was not enacted into law.

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