



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

PENSION IMPACT NOTE *104TH General Assembly*

BILL NO: **HB 3659**

February 12, 2025

SPONSOR (S): Du Buclet

SYSTEM: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with HB 3659 since the bill only extends the retroactive eligibility period for ordinary disability benefits without changing benefit amounts, eligibility criteria, or funding requirements.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 3659 amends the MWRD Article of the Pension Code. The bill extends the retroactive eligibility period for ordinary disability benefits from 30 days to 60 days before the application date, allowing employees more time to file while preserving the Board's discretion to grant further retroactive benefits for good cause.

COMMENT: Currently, under the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Article of the Illinois Pension Code, an employee receiving an ordinary disability benefit cannot receive payments for any period of disability more than 30 days before the application date, unless the board of trustees of the pension fund finds good cause for a delay in filing the application. HB 3659 extends this period to 60 days. According to the pension fund, the USPS has been bogging down applications and doctor's offices are slow to complete paperwork, hence the need for the additional time.

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