

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

96th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 1479, engrossed** February 19, 2009

SPONSOR (S): Raoul – Jones III, et al. (Howard)

SYSTEM(S): State Employees’ Retirement System

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 1479, as engrossed allows employees to receive up to 5 days service credit without paying any contribution to the system for a voluntary or involuntary furlough. Therefore, the bill will have a very minor impact on the State Employees’ Retirement System.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 1479, as engrossed amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill would allow employees to receive up to 5 days of service credit for voluntary or involuntary furloughs used to address a State fiscal emergency. SB 1479, as engrossed would be effective immediately.

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COMMENTS: SB 1479, as engrossed would allow employees who were furloughed, either voluntarily or involuntarily, to receive up to 5 days service credit for the applicable time of the furlough period. The bill requires that the furlough must take place on or after July 1, 2008 and must have an ending on or before June 30, 2009. An SERS member must submit in writing to the system or their employer before July 1, 2012 to receive this credit. No additional contribution is required for this credit.

Public Act 92-0566 allowed employees to receive up to 5 days credit for a period of voluntary or involuntary furlough, beginning on or after December 1, 2001 and ending before January 1, 2003, that were furloughed to address a State fiscal emergency.