

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 1583**

March 2, 2011

SPONSOR (S): Jacobs

SYSTEM(S): Cook County

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernable fiscal impact associated with SB 1583 inasmuch as the bill requires that the amounts contributed to the pension fund are not less than the amounts otherwise certified by the Cook County Board.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 1583 amends the Cook County article of the Pension Code to allow the County to make its statutorily-required pension contribution from sources other than the tax levy prescribed by the Pension Code. The bill specifies that these sources may include borrowing.

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COMMENT: Under current law, the County must levy a tax annually upon all taxable property within the county that will produce, when extended, an amount equal to the amount of employee contributions in the calendar year 2 years prior to the year for which the applicable tax is levied, multiplied by 1.54. The Pension Code stipulates that no money of the County derived from any source other than the tax levy may be used to provide revenue to the fund. SB 1583 allows the County to make its statutorily-required pension contribution from sources other than the tax levy prescribed by the Pension Code. The bill specifies that these sources may include borrowing

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