

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 3396, as amended by SA 2 & 3**

March 29, 2012

SPONSOR(S): Noland (Zalewski)

SYSTEM(S): Police and Firefighters' Funds

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with SB 3396, as amended by SA 2 and 3.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 3396, as amended by SA 2 and 3, amends the Open Meetings Act to allow Downstate Police and Fire Pension Fund trustees to satisfy the training requirements set under the Open Meetings Act by attending a pension fund trustee training course offered by a statewide organization representing police officers or firefighters. Since the enactment of P.A. 96-0429 on August 13th, 2009, all elected and appointed Downstate Police and Fire trustees have been required to undergo a training course which includes a component pertaining to the Open Meetings Act. This bill would allow Police and Fire Pension Fund Trustees to satisfy both Open Meetings Training and Pension Trustee Training by attending one course rather than two.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with SB 3396, as amended by SA 2 and 3.

COMMENT: Public Act 96-542, which became effective on Jan. 1, 2010, requires every public body in Illinois to designate employees, officers, and members to receive training on compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The act required that all persons subject to the training requirement must complete an electronic training program, as well as an annual training program on the Open Meetings Act. P.A. 97-0504 became effective on Jan. 1, 2012, and added further requirements for the Open Meetings Act training for school board members. SB 3396, as amended by SA 2 and 3, provides that an elected or appointed member of a Downstate Police or Fire Pension Fund may satisfy the Open Meetings training of the aforementioned Public Acts by participating in a training course sponsored by a statewide organization representing police, firefighters, or both.

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