

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 4005**

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SPONSOR(S): Hoffman

SYSTEM(S): State Universities Retirement System (SURS)

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 4005 has no effect on SURS.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 4005 amends the State Universities article of the Pension code by allowing a police officer receiving a disability benefit to obtain non-police employment without terminating the disability pension.

COMMENT: As of current law, a SURS participant receiving a disability benefit may also be compensated for personal or professional services at a rate equivalent to the disability benefit; however, any amount in excess of the amount of that limit will reduce the disability benefit proportionately. For example, a participant who receives \$2,000 per month in disability benefits may accept a job that pays up to \$2,000 per month without reducing the disability pay.

Current law also dictates that failing to accept a reasonable job offer, amongst other reasons, is grounds for termination of the disability benefit.

HB 4005 explicitly includes police officers in this language. This change is redundant; however, as the current law language applies to all SURS members.

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