

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 0159**

February 2, 2007

SPONSOR (S): Black

SYSTEM(S): General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 0159 will have no fiscal impact on any pension fund or retirement system in the State of Illinois.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 0159 amends the General Provisions article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide that any person convicted of a felony during his or her service as a member of any retirement system or pension fund will forfeit all pension rights from any of the systems and funds under the code.

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COMMENT/DISCUSSION: Each Article of the Illinois Pension Code contains a felony conviction provision under which an employee or annuitant would lose his or her pension benefits if convicted of a felony relating to or arising out of his or her service with the employer. Due to reciprocity, public employees often have service credit in multiple pension funds. HB 0159 provides that any convicted felon individual may not receive any pension benefits provided in the Illinois Pension Code, including any benefit for service not related to the felony conviction. HB 0159 also repeals the existing felony forfeiture provisions of the code that were restricted in application to individual Articles.

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