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AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by 5 changing Section 7-109.3 and adding Section 7-109.4 as 6 follows:

7 (40 ILCS 5/7-109.3) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109.3)

8 Sec. 7-109.3. "Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees".

9 (a) "Sheriff's law enforcement employee" or "SLEP" 10 means:

(1) A county sheriff and all deputies, other than special deputies, employed on a full time basis in the office of the sheriff.

14 (2) A person who has elected to participate in this
15 Fund under Section 3-109.1 of this Code, and who is
16 employed by a participating municipality to perform
17 police duties.

18 (3) A law enforcement officer employed on a full 19 time basis by a Forest Preserve District, provided that 20 such officer shall be deemed a "sheriff's law enforcement employee" for the purposes of this Article, and service 21 22 in that capacity shall be deemed to be service as a sheriff's law enforcement employee, only if the board of 23 commissioners of the District have so elected by adoption 24 of an affirmative resolution. Such election, once made, 25 26 may not be rescinded.

(4) A person not eligible to participate in a fund
established under Article 3 of this Code who is employed
on a full-time basis by a participating municipality or
participating instrumentality to perform police duties at
an airport, but only if the governing authority of the

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employer has approved sheriff's law enforcement employee status for its airport police employees by adoption of an affirmative resolution. Such approval, once given, may not be rescinded.

5 (5) An elected or appointed coroner who has elected 6 to participate in this Fund as a sheriff's law 7 enforcement employee under Section 3-109.4.

8 (b) An employee who is a sheriff's law enforcement 9 employee and is granted military leave or authorized leave of 10 absence shall receive service credit in that capacity. 11 Sheriff's law enforcement employees shall not be entitled to 12 out-of-State service credit under Section 7-139.

13 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

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(40 ILCS 5/7-109.4 new)

15 <u>Sec. 7-109.4. SLEP credit for coroner.</u>

16 <u>(a) An elected or appointed coroner who participates in</u> 17 <u>the Fund may elect to participate as a sheriff's law</u> 18 <u>enforcement employee.</u>

19 (b) An elected or appointed coroner who has elected to 20 participate in the Fund as a sheriff's law enforcement 21 employee may have his or her service as a coroner prior to 22 the date of that election deemed service as a sheriff's law 23 enforcement employee by paying to the Fund the additional contribution required under Section 7-173.1, plus interest 24 25 thereon at the effective rate from the date of the service to the date of payment. 26

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
Section 8.27 as follows:

29	(30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)
30	Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
31	and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required

for the implementation of any mandate created by this
 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon4 becoming law.