97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1765

by Rep. Michael J. Zalewski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/8-223.1 new 30 ILCS 805/8.35 new

Amends the Chicago Municipal Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the Municipal Employees', Officers', and Officials' Annuity and Benefit Fund to indemnify and protect the trustees, staff, and consultants of the Fund against all damage claims and suits when damages are sought for negligent or wrongful acts alleged to have been committed in the scope of employment or under the direction of the trustees. Provides that the trustees, staff, and consultants shall not be indemnified for wilful misconduct or gross negligence. Authorizes the board to insure against loss or liability of the trustees, staff, and consultants that may result from these damage claims. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by adding
Section 8-223.1 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/8-223.1 new)

7 Sec. 8-223.1. Indemnification of trustees, staff, and consultants of the pension fund. The Fund established under 8 9 this Article shall indemnify and protect the trustees, staff, and consultants against all damage claims and suits, including 10 defense thereof, when damages are sought for negligent or 11 12 wrongful acts alleged to have been committed in the scope of employment or under the direction of the trustees. However, the 13 14 trustees, staff, and consultants shall not be indemnified for wilful misconduct or gross negligence. The board is authorized 15 16 to insure against loss or liability of the trustees, staff, and 17 consultants that may result from these damage claims. This insurance shall be carried in a company that is licensed to 18 19 write such coverage in this State.

20 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding 21 Section 8.35 as follows:

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1 (30 ILCS 805/8.35 new)

2 Sec. 8.35. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8

3 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the

4 <u>implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of</u>

5 the 97th General Assembly.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 7 becoming law.