



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB6163

by Rep. Jim Durkin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Pension Benefit Increase Note Act. Requires the Division of Insurance within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to prepare a written pension benefit increase note in relation to any bill, introduced in either house of the General Assembly, that proposes to grant a pension benefit increase. Contains provisions concerning the contents of the note; the appearance of employees of the Department before committees of the General Assembly; the effect of the Act on amendments; and the confidentiality of note-related information. Effective immediately.

LRB097 21280 JDS 68977 b

FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Pension Benefit Increase Note Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Department" means the Division of Insurance within the
8 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

9 "Pension benefit increase" means a change to any pension or
10 other law that results in a member of a pension or retirement
11 system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement to a benefit,
12 including, but not limited to, any changes that (i) increase
13 the amount of the pension or annuity that a member could
14 receive upon retirement or (ii) reduce or eliminate the
15 eligibility requirements or other terms or conditions a member
16 must meet to receive a pension or annuity upon retirement. The
17 term "pension benefit increase" also means a change to any
18 pension or other law that expands the class of persons who may
19 become a member of any pension or retirement system or who may
20 receive a pension or annuity from a pension or retirement
21 system. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, shall
22 not constitute a "pension benefit increase" unless that
23 increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

1 Section 10. Pension benefit increase notes. The Department
2 shall prepare a written pension benefit increase note in
3 relation to any bill, introduced in either house of the General
4 Assembly, that proposes to grant a pension benefit increase.

5 Upon the introduction of any such bill, the Clerk of the
6 House or the Secretary of the Senate shall forward the bill to
7 the Department, which shall prepare such a note within 7
8 calendar days after receiving the request. The bill shall be
9 held on second reading until the note has been received.

10 Copies of each pension benefit increase note shall be
11 furnished by the Department to the presiding officer of each
12 house, the minority leader of each house, the Clerk of the
13 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, the
14 sponsor of the bill which is the subject of the note, the
15 member, if any, who initiated the request for the note, the
16 Chairman of the House Committee on Personnel and Pensions, and
17 the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance, Pensions and
18 Licensed Activities.

19 Section 15. Content of pension benefit increase note.
20 The pension benefit increase note shall simply state whether or
21 not the bill proposes to grant a pension benefit increase.

22 Section 20. Appearance before committees of the General
23 Assembly. The fact that a pension benefit increase note is

1 prepared for any bill shall not preclude or restrict the
2 appearance before any committee of the General Assembly of any
3 official or authorized employee of the Department who desires
4 to be heard in support of or in opposition to the measure.

5 Section 25. Effect of Act on amendments. Whenever any
6 committee of either house reports any bill with an amendment
7 that proposes to grant a pension benefit increase and whenever
8 any bill is amended on the floor of either house in such manner
9 as to propose to grant a pension benefit increase, the
10 Department may, on its own initiative, or shall, within 7 days
11 after a request by any member of the house by which the bill is
12 then being considered, prepare a new or revised pension benefit
13 increase note in relation to the amended bill. If such a
14 request is made, the bill shall be held on second reading until
15 the note is received or the 7 day period has elapsed. Copies of
16 each new or revised pension benefit increase note shall be
17 furnished to the persons named in Section 10.

18 Section 30. Confidentiality. The subject matter of bills
19 submitted to the Department for preparation of pension benefit
20 increase notes shall be kept in strict confidence and no
21 information relating thereto shall be divulged by any official
22 or employee of the Department prior to its introduction in the
23 General Assembly.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.