

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 0293**

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SPONSOR (S): McSweeney – Halbrook, et al.

SYSTEM(S): GARS

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 0293 would have an unknown fiscal impact to the state, as no detail is provided within the legislation as to the way existing liabilities would be paid down without new members entering the system. This information would need to be known before the fiscal impact could be accurately calculated.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 0293 amends the General Assembly article of the Illinois Pension Code to limit participation in GARS to individuals who are first elected or appointed to the General Assembly before November 3, 2020.

COMMENT: The proposed legislation would eliminate any additional liability for GARS beyond its current obligations and any new participants before November 3, 2020. The most recent actuarial valuation estimates 627 members by June 30, 2018, and an unfunded actuarial liability of \$312.5 million. Currently, there are 87 active members between legislators and statewide officers and 37 new individuals eligible for coverage after the 2018 election. It is unknown at this time what GARS would be replaced with under this legislation. This legislation is identical to HB 0338 from the 100th GA, though the effective date is different.

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