

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 2470**

February 15, 2019

SPONSOR (S): Burke

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Police

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no readily discernible fiscal impact associated with HB 2470. To the extent that administrative review appeals of disability judgments rendered by the board of trustees are decided in the appellant's favor, the pension fund would incur all associated court costs and litigation expenses.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 2470 amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code to allow police officers to recover court costs and attorney's fees in situations where an administrative review proceeding leads to a reversal of a denial of certain disability benefits.

COMMENT: HB 2470 amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill stipulates that if a policeman has his or her application for an occupational disease disability benefit or a duty disability benefit denied by the board of the pension fund, and then later prevails in an administrative review action, the prevailing policeman shall be entitled to payment of court costs and litigation expenses from the fund, including reasonable attorney's fees.

DH:bj

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