

# COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## PENSION IMPACT NOTE

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO:       **HB 2905**

February 27, 2019

SPONSOR (S):   Martwick

SYSTEM(S):     General Provisions, SERS

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to SERS, HB 2905 would have a negative, though minimal fiscal impact to the state, as employer normal cost for the service credit being applied for by the participants is not being paid by the member. Tier 2 individuals affected would accrue service credit under the alternative formula when the bill goes into effect.

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**SUBJECT MATTER:** HB 2905 amends the General Provisions and State Employees articles of the Illinois Pension Code to allow Tier 2 conservation police officers, Secretary of State investigators, and arson investigators to qualify for the alternative (state police) formula in SERS, and to convert up to eight years of prior service credit as a conservation police officer into eligible pensionable service.

**COMMENT:** According to SERS, the prior service provision of the bill would affect approximately 23 active conservation police officers, 8 Secretary of State investigators, and 5 arson investigators. Some unfunded liability would be created if the prior service credit provision is utilized by the eligible individuals, as there is no provision for payment of the employer normal cost portion of the eight years of optional service credit. The employee is still required to make a payment for the amount of employee contributions that would have been paid normally for Tier 2 service credit. Affected individuals would accrue future service credit under the alternative formula after the effective date of this legislation. This legislation has an immediate effective date.

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