

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 2976**

March 5, 2019

SPONSOR (S): Hurley

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Police and Fire

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with HB 2976 as the provisions of the bill are dependent upon passage of an ordinance that would provide medical care and hospital benefits to injured police officers and firefighters. The bill itself does not provide for any new schedule of benefits for injured firefighters or police officers.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 2976 stipulates that home rule units that pass an ordinance which requires the unit to pay for the medical care and treatment of police officers' and firefighters' injuries must also require injured employees to be notified of the benefits available to them and that those benefits be provided immediately.

COMMENT: Current statute allows home rule units to establish an ordinance that provides for the medical costs associated with a police officer or firefighter who is injured in the line of duty. HB 2976 would stipulate that a home rule unit which establishes the above ordinance in cities over 1,000,000 in Illinois (Chicago being the only city to meet this requisite) must include in that ordinance a requirement to notify an injured employee of the benefits they're entitled to, and a requirement that the city provide the injured employee with those benefits prior to the notice and regardless of the determination made by the city.

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