



Weekly Legislative Report

ILLINOIS STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION RETIREES

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Legislative Update and Report prepared for *Illinois State Employees Association Retirees* for the week beginning March 21, 2016.

The March 15 Primary is how history with mixed results. Governor Rauner claimed victory because six of the candidates he supported, either directly or indirectly, were successful. Others suggest the Governor was not as successful due to his defeats in three high profile and expensive races: (1) Sen. McCann won, (2) Rep. Dunkin lost by a landslide, and (3) Speaker Madigan was easily re-nominated.

We will not be able to determine the effect, if any, on the legislative process for a couple of weeks because both the House and Senate are off for a two week Easter break. Could the results of the primary cause Republican legislators to reevaluate their positions of support for the Governor? Will the budget continue to be held hostage in this battle? We'll find out as session continues.

When the legislature returns the first week of April, there will be just three weeks until the deadline for the House to consider bills filed in the House, and the Senate to consider bills filed in the Senate, at which point the successful legislation then moves to the other chamber for consideration. The chamber will observe Passover the last week of April, then return May 3 until the scheduled adjournment on May 31.

ILLINOIS STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

RETIREES

KEY LEGISLATION

HB 1334 PEN CD-OFFSETS-CONTINUATION

Committee Hearing:

Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing Apr 6 2016 10:30AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. Jack D. Franks-Carol Sente-Grant Wehrli and Reginald Phillips

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a member or participant of a retirement system or pension fund established under the Code who is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension and becomes employed in a similar position within the same agency on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act in a position in which he or she is eligible to accrue service credit or creditable service under any Article of the Code shall, in the month immediately after commencing that employment, have the amount of his or her monthly retirement annuity or retirement pension offset by the amount of his or her compensation, earnings, or salary (whichever is applicable) in the immediately preceding month as certified to the applicable retirement system or pension fund by his or her employer, unless the payment of that retirement annuity or retirement pension is already suspended or terminated during that period. Provides that these provisions do not apply to the first \$2,000 per month of retirement annuity payments. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/4/2016	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

HB 2992 \$SERS-TECH

House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan-Fred Crespo

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates \$2 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Employees' Retirement System for its FY16 ordinary and contingent expenses. Effective July 1, 2015.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
11/10/2015	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

HB 4310 ST GROUP INS-RETIRED TEACHERS**Committee Hearing:**

Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing Apr 6 2016 10:30AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

Comment: Impacts approximately 650 TRIP members

House Sponsors

Rep. Margo McDermed

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. For fiscal year 2017, provides that the premium for the major medical coverage health benefits program for a TRS benefit recipient who is at least 65 years old, who is not Medicare primary, who resides in Illinois, and for whom a managed care program is accessible shall not exceed 90% (now, 105%) of the premium actually charged in the previous fiscal year. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/16/2016	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

HB 4427 PEN CD-ACCEL BENEFIT PAYMENT**Committee Hearing:**

Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing Apr 6 2016 10:30AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

Comment: Allows eligible members of the 5 state retirement systems to elect to receive either a full accelerated pension payment or a partial accelerated pension payment; NO funding source for this payment program is identified

House Sponsors

Rep. Mark Batinick-Robert F. Martwick-David Harris-Jack D. Franks-Grant Wehrli, Keith Wheeler, Margo McDermed, Steven Andersson, Sheri L Jesiel, Thomas Morrison, Carol A. Sente, Barbara Wheeler, Reginald Phillips, Keith P. Sommer, Thomas Bennett and Peter Breen

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2017, a person under one of those Articles who (i) has terminated service, (ii) is eligible to receive a retirement annuity, (iii) has not received a retirement annuity under that Article, and (iv) meets certain other eligibility requirements may elect to receive, in lieu of a retirement annuity, a lump sum accelerated pension benefit payment equal to 75% of the present value of the retirement annuity or may elect to receive a lump sum partial accelerated pension benefit payment in exchange for a specified reduction in his or her retirement annuity and all other benefits under the Article. Provides that a person may not elect a percentage reduction of retirement annuity that would result in a partial accelerated benefit payment of less than \$50,000. Provides that if a person elects to receive a lump sum accelerated pension benefit payment in lieu of a retirement annuity, his or her credits and creditable service under that Article shall be terminated upon receipt of the accelerated pension benefit payment; except that the terminated service credit shall be used for the purposes of determining participation, benefits, or premiums under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Contains provisions concerning return to service, rulemaking, qualified plan status, and new benefit increases. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 to make related changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/16/2016	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

HB 4429 PROMPT PAYMENT-LATE PAYMENT**Committee Hearing:**

Revenue & Finance Committee Hearing Apr 6 2016 9:30AM Capitol Building Room 118 Springfield, IL

House Sponsors

Rep. Elaine Nekritz-David Harris and Robert Rita

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Prompt Payment Act. Provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, any bill approved for payment under the Act and pursuant to a health benefit plan under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 or submitted under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code, except a bill for pharmacy or nursing facility services or goods, if payment is not issued to the payee in a timely manner under the Section, the following interest penalty shall apply to any amount approved and unpaid until final payment is made: the sum of the prime commercial rate plus 4.0% per year, applied pro rata for the amount of time the bill remains unpaid. Defines "prime commercial rate". Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In provisions concerning timely payment for health care services, provides that the interest to be charged on late payments of periodic payments, payments by independent practice associations and physician-hospital organizations, and payments by health insurers, health maintenance organizations, managed care plans, health care plans, preferred provider organizations, and third party administrators shall be the sum of the prime commercial rate plus 4.0% per year. Defines "prime commercial rate". Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that the program of health benefits offered under the Act is subject to certain provisions of the Illinois Insurance Code concerning late payments and assignability except as otherwise provided.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2016	House	To Finance Subcommittee

HB 4521 UNBALANCED BUDGET RESPONSE ACT**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Patricia R. Bellock-Ron Sandack and Margo McDermed

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Unbalanced Budget Response Act. Provides authority and procedures for the Governor to establish contingency reserves of previously appropriated funds, and to transfer balances between special funds in the State treasury and the General Revenue Fund. Describes the agencies and programs subject to this authority. Provides that designated agencies may adopt emergency rules to carry out the purposes of the Act. Defines terms. Provides that the Act is repealed on July 1, 2017. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to make conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Adds actions taken under the Unbalanced Budget Response Act to a Section relating to applicability. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 4532 PEN CD-SURS-SELF MANAGED PLAN

House Sponsors
Rep. Elaine Nekritz

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the System to provide advance notice to a participant in the self-managed plan of the participant's obligation to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into one or more investment funds selected by the System at the time he or she makes his or her initial retirement plan selection. Provides that if a participant in the self-managed plan fails to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into the various investment options offered to the participant when making his or her initial retirement election choice, the System shall invest the employee and employer contributions in a default investment fund on behalf of the participant, and the investment shall be deemed to have been made at the participant's investment direction. Provides that the participant has the right to transfer account balances out of the default investment fund during time periods designated by the System. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/3/2016	House	Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

HB 4581 PEN CD-SERVICE CREDIT-BOARDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that no member of the Civil Service Commission, Board of Review of the Department of Employment Security (other than the Director of Employment Security), Civil Service Commission, Illinois Liquor Control Commission, Secretary of State Merit Commission, Human Rights Commission, State Mining Board, Property Tax Appeal Board, Illinois Racing Board, Department of State Police Merit Board, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, or Illinois State Board of Elections may establish creditable service in the State Employees' Retirement System for service in that capacity during a term of office commencing on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 4582 PEN CD-LIMITS ON MEMBERSHIP

House Sponsors
Rep. Jeanne M Ives and Margo McDermed

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly Article, restricts participation in the General Assembly Retirement System to persons who become participants before the effective date of the amendatory Act and provides that, beginning on that date, the System shall not accept any new participants. Makes related changes. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Chicago Municipal, and Cook County Articles, provides that a person who holds part-time elective office is not an employee, contributor, or participant with respect to that office, unless he or she (i) was elected to that office before the effective date of the amendatory Act and (ii) has elected while in that office to become a contributor. Provides that an elective office shall be presumed to be part-time in the absence of an official job description or determination by the legal advisor of the applicable unit of local government, filed with the Board of the Fund, declaring the elective office to be full-time.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 4585

 PEN CD-SURS-BASIC COMPENSATION

House Sponsors

Rep. Jeanne M Ives

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that for an employee who becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, "basic compensation" does not include (1) the value of maintenance, board, living quarters, personal laundry, or other allowances furnished in lieu of salary which are considered gross income under the Internal Revenue Code; (2) certain employee contributions to the System; (3) certain employer contributions to a custodial account; and (4) fringe benefits that an employee elects to receive, in lieu of cash salary or wages, that are not taxable under the Internal Revenue Code. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/28/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 4669

 PEN CD-GA/JUDGES-BENEFITS

House Sponsors

Rep. Kelly Burke

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Assembly and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Changes the manner in which highest salary for annuity purposes, final average salary, automatic annual increases, and survivor benefits are calculated for persons who first become participants of either system on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Also makes technical changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/5/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 4686 ST GROUP INS-RETIRED TEACHERS

House Sponsors

Rep. Margo McDermed

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. For fiscal year 2017, provides that the premium for the major medical coverage health benefits program for a TRS benefit recipient who is at least 65 years old, who is not Medicare primary, who resides in Illinois, and for whom a managed care program is accessible shall not exceed 90% (now, 105%) of the premium actually charged in the previous fiscal year. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/5/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 4984 PEN CD-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

House Sponsors

Rep. Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2016, if the amount of a participant's earnings for any academic year used to determine the final rate of earnings, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, exceeds the amount of his or her earnings with the same employer for the previous academic year, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, by more than the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than 6%), then the participant's employer shall pay to the applicable System, in addition to all other payments required and in accordance with guidelines established by that System, the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of the unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for that year (rather than the present value of the increase in benefits resulting from the portion of the increase in earnings that is in excess of 6%). Defines "consumer price index-u". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/8/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 5625 PEN CD-PENSION BUYOUT OPTION

Committee Hearing:

Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing Apr 6 2016 10:30AM Capitol Building Room 115 Springfield, IL

Comment: Similar to HB 4427, but there is a provision directing the state to issue bonds to pay for the program. It also provides that an eligible retiree may relinquish his or her right to receive any benefits from the system in exchange for a lump sum payment equal to the present value of the retirement annuity. Participants in this program would still be entitled to any benefits under SEGIA.

House Sponsors

Rep. Mike Fortner-Robert W. Pritchard

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Pension Buyout Act. Authorizes the Department of Central Management Services to enter into contracts with approved vendors to provide pension buyout payments to eligible retirees in the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, and Judges Retirement Systems. Requires the Illinois Finance Authority to issue bonds if the amount appropriated to implement the pension buyout option is less than the amount necessary for the Department to pay the approved vendor the amount required under a contract between the Department and the approved vendor for any fiscal year. Provides that the contract entered into by the Department shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code. Amends the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that an eligible retiree may relinquish his or her right to receive any benefits from the system in exchange for a lump sum payment made by an approved vendor that is equal to the present value of the retirement annuity. Provides that a person who participates in the pension buyout option shall be entitled to any benefits under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 that he or she would have otherwise been entitled to. Contains provisions concerning the form of the contract; rulemaking; notice to the system; certification to the Department of the amount of lump sum payments made; and qualified plan status. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Illinois Procurement Code, and the Illinois Finance Authority Act to make related changes. Effective July 1, 2017.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/23/2016	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee

HB 6021

 PEN CD-SURVIVOR CONTRIB REFUND

House Sponsors

Rep. Sam Yingling

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions for survivor benefits may elect to repay the refund, with interest, and have their survivor benefit rights reinstated. Specifies the required time and manner of repayment. In the IMRF and State Universities Articles, requires that the annuitant (1) retired prior to June 1, 2011, and (2) is a party to a civil union, marriage, or other legal relationship that is recognized as a civil union or marriage under the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act or the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on or after certain specified dates. Also, in the IMRF Article, extends application of a provision added by Public Act 87-850 to spouses of annuitants who die on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 6088

 PEN CD-RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT

House Sponsors

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a person who first becomes a member or participant of a retirement system or pension fund under the Code on or after January 1, 2017 (i) is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and (ii) becomes a

member or participant under any other system or fund created by the Code based on full-time employment, then that retirement annuity or retirement pension shall be suspended during that employment. Upon termination of that employment, the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension payments shall resume and may be recalculated if recalculation is provided for under the applicable Article of the Code. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 6145 PENC-D-STATE SYS-TIER 3 PLAN

House Sponsors

Rep. Joe Sosnowski

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. With respect to the 5 State-funded Retirement Systems: requires each System to prepare and implement a Tier 3 plan by July 1, 2017 that aggregates State and employee contributions in individual participant accounts which are used for payouts after retirement. Provides that a Tier 1 or Tier 2 participant may irrevocably elect to participate in the Tier 3 plan instead of the defined benefit plan. Authorizes a Tier 1 or Tier 2 participant to elect to terminate all participation in the defined benefit plan and to have a specified amount credited to his or her account under the Tier 3 plan. Until July 1, 2018, authorizes certain Tier 1 participants to elect to have the automatic annual increases in retirement annuity and survivor's annuity calculated using the Tier 2 formula and to have a specified amount credited to his or her account under the Tier 3 plan. Requires each System to report on its progress in establishing the Tier 3 plan to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2017. Provides that "new benefit increase" does not include any benefit increase resulting from the changes made by the amendatory Act. Repeals certain provisions concerning a defined contribution plan added by Public Act 98-599. In the Downstate Teachers, State Employees, and State Universities Articles, authorizes a person to elect not to participate or to terminate his or her participation in those Systems. In the General Assembly and Judges Articles, authorizes a participant to terminate his or her participation in the System. Makes related changes in the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) and the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/11/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 6353 \$FY17 CMS OCE

House Sponsors

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the Central Management Services ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Central Management Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as follows: General Funds \$1,423,537,400; Other State Funds \$4,615,880,700; Total \$6,039,418,100.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 6375 \$SERS FY17 OCE**House Sponsors**

Rep. Jim Durkin-Thomas Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Employees' Retirement System, Judges Retirement System and General Assembly Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as follows: General Funds \$1,389,228,850.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

SB 777 PEN CD-SURS-ADMINISTRATIVE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. John J. Cullerton-Iris Y. Martinez, Donne E. Trotter and Martin A. Sandoval

House Sponsors

(Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie and Edward J. Acevedo)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a cross-reference to a provision relating to earnings for service before becoming a participant. Defines "plan year". In a provision concerning repayment of certain refunds, requires interest from the date the refund was issued rather than the date it was received. Clarifies a provision relating to the purchase of service credit by inactive participants.

House Floor Amendment No. 4

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. For payment years 2016 through 2020, specifies the amount for the City of Chicago's required annual contribution to each fund. Provides that beginning in payment year 2021, the City's total required contribution to each fund shall be an amount that is equal to the normal cost of the fund, plus an amount sufficient to bring the total assets of the fund up to 90% of the total actuarial liabilities of the fund by payment year 2055 (instead of 2040); changes the actuarial cost method to entry age normal. Includes provisions for funding from any proceeds received by the city in relation to the operation of a casino within the city. Provides a mechanism to enforce funding through mandamus. Creates a new minimum retirement annuity provision based on the federal poverty level for certain persons. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/31/2015	Senate	Senate Concurs 038-020-001

SB 2235 STATE EMPLOYEE GRP INS-PAYMENT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. William R. Haine

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that the failure of the State to make any payment to a provider for a period of 6 months may be considered by the provider to be a material breach of the contract by the State. Provides that a provider who has entered into a contract to provide services under the Act and who has not received any payment for services for a period of 6 months (1) may consider the contract null and void; (2) may opt out of the obligation to provide services under the terms and conditions of the contract; and (3) shall, upon providing notice to the State department, be deemed an out-of-network provider. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2016	Senate	Assigned to Insurance

SB 2314 SEGIA-TEMP EMPLOYEES**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Provides that State benefit recipients are eligible for the basic program of health benefits, but are not eligible for group life insurance benefits or other optional coverages or benefits available to employees. Provides that the term "State benefit recipient" means a person in the service of a department who: (1) is not a member; (2) receives salary or wages for personal service rendered to the department; and (3) is employed in a position normally requiring actual performance of duty during not less than 30 hours per week. Provides that the term "State benefit recipient" does not include any person deemed to be an independent contractor or any person who is employed by any State-contracted vendor and is performing services pursuant to the contract between the vendor and the State.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/3/2016	Senate	Assigned to Insurance

SB 2338 FINANCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale A. Righter

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Unbalanced Budget Response Act. Provides authority and procedures for the Governor to transfer previously appropriated funds between programs, purposes, accounts, agencies, or appropriation line items, and to transfer balances between special funds in the State treasury and the General Revenue Fund. Describes the agencies and programs subject to this authority. Provides that designated agencies may adopt emergency rules to carry out the purposes of the Act. Defines terms. Provides that the Act is repealed on July 1, 2017. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to make conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Adds actions taken under the Unbalanced Budget Response Act to a Section relating to applicability. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/16/2016	Senate	Assigned to Appropriations I

SB 2362 PEN CD-SURS-SELF MANAGED PLAN

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Daniel Biss

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the System to provide advance notice to a participant in the self-managed plan of the participant's obligation to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into one or more investment funds selected by the System at the time he or she makes his or her initial retirement plan selection. Provides that if a participant in the self-managed plan fails to direct the investment of employee and employer contributions into the various investment options offered to the participant when making his or her initial retirement election choice, the System shall invest the employee and employer contributions in a default investment fund on behalf of the participant, and the investment shall be deemed to have been made at the participant's investment direction. Provides that the participant has the right to transfer account balances out of the default investment fund during time periods designated by the System. Effective immediately.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the bill as introduced, plus the following additional provisions: Further amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article, with respect to establishing certain types of service credit in the Fund, provides that application and payment must be received by the Board while the applicant is an active participant, except that one payment will be permitted after termination of participation. In the State Employees Article: (1) allows licensed healthcare practitioners (rather than just physicians) to make certain disability determinations; (2) authorizes the Board to waive certain disability application deadline requirements; (3) provides that certain disability benefits shall be payable retroactive to the date of eligibility; and (4) also makes changes relating to Social Security full retirement age and to hearings under certain provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act and the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. In the Judges Article, makes changes concerning the application of certain provisions to Tier 2 judges. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/17/2016	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading April 5, 2016

SB 3187 \$FY17 CMS OCE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Christine Radogno

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the Central Management Services ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Central Management Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as follows: General Funds \$1,423,537,400; Other State Funds \$4,615,880,700; Total \$6,039,418,100.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2016	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 3236 \$SERS FY17 OCE**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Christine Radogno

Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State Employees' Retirement System, Judges Retirement System and General Assembly Retirement System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as follows: General Funds \$1,389,228,850.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/19/2016	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 3280 PEN CD-ACCEL BENEFIT PAYMENT**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Matt Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2017, a person under one of those Articles who (i) has terminated service, (ii) is eligible to receive a retirement annuity, (iii) has not received a retirement annuity under that Article, and (iv) meets certain other eligibility requirements may elect to receive, in lieu of a retirement annuity, a lump sum accelerated pension benefit payment equal to 75% of the present value of the retirement annuity or may elect to receive a lump sum partial accelerated pension benefit payment in exchange for a specified reduction in his or her retirement annuity and all other benefits under the Article. Provides that a person may not elect a percentage reduction of retirement annuity that would result in a partial accelerated benefit payment of less than \$50,000. Provides that if a person elects to receive a lump sum accelerated pension benefit payment in lieu of a retirement annuity, his or her credits and creditable service under that Article shall be terminated upon receipt of the accelerated pension benefit payment; except that the terminated service credit shall be used for the purposes of determining participation, benefits, or premiums under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Contains provisions concerning return to service, rulemaking, qualified plan status, and new benefit increases. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 to make related changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/10/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX)

HR 890 NO TAXES ON RETIREMENT INCOME**House Sponsors**

Rep. David McSweeney-Brandon W. Phelps-Jeanne M Ives-Martin J. Moylan-Mark Batinick, Margo McDermed, Steven Andersson, Jack D. Franks, Sue Scherer, Deborah Conroy, Jerry F. Costello, II, Anna Moeller, Katherine Cloonen, Daniel V. Beiser, Mike Smiddy, Natalie A. Manley, Sam Yingling, Stephanie A. Kifowit, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Reginald Phillips, Thomas Morrison, Bill Mitchell, Adam Brown, Avery Bourne, Dwight Kay, John M. Cabello, Ron Sandack, Terri Bryant, Christine Winger, Michael P. McAuliffe, Randy Frese, Joe Sosnowski, John

D. Anthony, Anthony DeLuca, Patrick J. Verschoore, John D. Cavaletto, Sheri L Jesiel, Jay Hoffman, Tom Demmer, Andrew F Skoog, Frances Ann Hurley, David Reis, Rita Mayfield, Norine Hammond, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Camille Y. Lilly, Kenneth Dunkin, Donald L. Moffitt, Mary E. Flowers, John D'Amico, Linda Chapa LaVia, Emanuel Chris Welch, Peter Breen, Cynthia Soto, Sonya M. Harper, Monique D. Davis, Thaddeus Jones, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Silvana Tabares, Keith Wheeler and André M. Thapedi

Synopsis As Introduced

States the belief that the Illinois Income Tax Act should not be amended to permit taxing retirement income.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/27/2016	House	Referred to Rules Committee

SR 317 PENSION TIER 2 - IMPACT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Daniel Biss-Kwame Raoul, John M. Sullivan, John G. Mulroe, Scott M. Bennett, Bill Cunningham, Toi W. Hutchinson and Donne E. Trotter

Synopsis As Introduced

Urges the Teachers' Retirement System and the State Universities Retirement System to pursue an Internal Revenue Service ruling on the compliance of Tier 2 with safe harbor provisions under Section 3121(b)(7)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Makes a technical correction.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/31/2015	Senate	Resolution Adopted as Amended 037-018-001

SR 1325 NO TAXES ON RETIREMENT INCOME

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Thomas Cullerton-Laura M. Murphy, Emil Jones, III-Jacqueline Y. Collins-Mattie Hunter and Wm. Sam McCann

Synopsis As Introduced

States the belief that the Illinois Income Tax Act should not be amended to permit taxing retirement income.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/18/2016	Senate	To Subcommittee on Special Issues (RV)

SR 1551 NO TAXES ON RETIREMENT INCOME

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Wm. Sam McCann

Synopsis As Introduced

States the belief that the Illinois Income Tax Act should not be amended to permit taxing retirement income.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/24/2016	Senate	Referred to Assignments