



Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund  
Lobbyist Report  
October 14, 2022

- I. COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) 2022-20 RE-ISSUED**
- a. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health 83% of recent COVID-19 hospital patients were either not vaccinated or hadn't yet received all three shots.
  - b. COVID-19 hospitalizations have now fallen to under 900. Hospitalizations were above 7,3000 in January, dropped precipitously to the 400s in March, then rose to about 1,500 in July, where they held fairly steady until falling below 1,000 in late September.
  - c. Governor Pritzker extended the statewide Disaster Proclamation declaration through **Saturday, October 15, 2022** and issued a new Executive Order extending previous executive orders.
  - d. Similar to previous COVID-19 executive orders, public meetings may continue to be held remotely, in accordance with Public Act 101-0640, as long as certain requirements are met.
- II. PENSION REFORM PROPOSAL – REP. MARK BATINICK**
- a. Republican Leader Rep. Mark Batinick proposes using increased savings from gradually reducing pension payments to the 5-state funded systems to lower property taxes.
    - i. 23 year plan to reduce property taxes by 50% which takes into account:
      - 1. Savings from the creation of Tier 2 (P.A. 96-0889)
      - 2. Savings from the “Ramp” or Pension Payment Schedule – requires pension systems to be 90% funded by 2045. No longer being in the negative amortization portion of the ramp will see level payments moving forward
      - 3. Inflation – reduced state’s pension liability in real dollars.
    - ii. His plan would be to designate 25% of the general revenue fund budget toward traditional pension payments and new property tax relief components.
- III. PENSION REFORM PROPOSAL – CIVIC FEDERATION**
- a. Civic Federation President Laurence Msall advises legislators to reform, consolidate, reform and fund Chicago local pension plans.

- b. President Msall specifically believes that Governor Pritzker should work with the General Assembly in the same manner that the Downstate local Police and Fire funds consolidated (P.A. 101-0610) to consolidate Chicago Police and Fire pension funds and Chicago Municipal and Laborers' Funds.
  - i. President Msall believes the locals should manage the current obligation.
    - 1. Believes this will stave off local governments having to make difficult decision about raising property taxes to fund essential services or raise property taxes to fund more pension contributions.
- c. Civic Federation also proposes a state takeover of local unfunded tabs to ease the burden on local governments.

**IV. PENSION REFORM PROPOSAL – ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

- a. According to the Bond Buyer article “Illinois Police Pension Fund Consolidation Makes Progress Amid Litigation”, a draft 2023 state legislative agenda includes:
  - i. Legislation to re-amortize the unfunded liabilities of public safety funds, pushing a 90% targeted date back to 2050 or later from the current 2040 statutorily mandated date.

**V. ILLINOIS HOUSE and SENATE SCHEDULE FALL VETO SESSION**

- a. Both chambers plan to meet for six days, Nov. 15 through 17 and Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.
  - i. Possible session days may be canceled.

**VI. SENATE REQUESTS**

- a. Senator Sally Turner (R) requested a status update on the current number of police pension funds that have transferred assets.
  - i. Staff received August and September Transfer Schedule were submitted.
  - ii. Staff also received raw data from the October tranche
- b. Senate Assistant Majority Leader Bill Cunningham (D) received a question from a constituent and requested additional information.
  - i. Discussed matter with both Rich and Rick. Reported information back to the Leader.