

# 104th General Assembly (2025-2026)

## Springfield Legislative Agenda

### **HB2856 Rep. [Stephanie A. Kifowit](#) / SB1726 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a Tier 2 investigator for the Department of the Lottery is entitled to an annuity under the alternative retirement annuity provisions only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55. Authorizes an investigator for the Department of the Lottery to establish eligible creditable service under the alternative retirement annuity provisions. Provides that a specified educational requirement for people employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice shall no longer determine eligibility to earn eligible creditable service under the alternative retirement annuity provisions and authorizes the conversion of service credit to eligible creditable service. **Establishes a deferred retirement option plan** for certain police officers, firefighters, sheriff's law enforcement employees, and deputy sheriffs in the Cook County Police Department who are otherwise eligible to retire under which a participant may continue in active service for up to 5 years while having his or her retirement pension paid into a special account. Provides that the election to participate in the deferred retirement option plan must be made before January 1, 2030. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, and Chicago Firefighter Articles. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Makes other changes.

### **HB3255 Rep. [Lindsey LaPointe](#) / SB2468 Sen. [Michael E. Hastings](#)**

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that, if the injured employee subsequently dies, the employer shall continue to **pay the entire health insurance premium for the surviving spouse** (rather than the surviving spouse until remarried) and for the dependent children under specified conditions.

### **HB2824 Rep. [Lindsey LaPointe](#) / SB1892 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a **widow's annuity shall be equal to 66 2/3%(instead of 50%)** of the retirement annuity the deceased policeman or fireman was receiving at the time of death or 66 2/3% (instead of 50%) of the retirement annuity the policeman or fireman would have been eligible for if the policeman or fireman retired from service on the day before the policeman's or fireman's death. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

### **HB2482 Rep. [Stephanie A. Kifowit](#) / SB1185 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a policeman who **applies for disability benefits** under the Article and has been denied reinstatement as a policeman by his or her employer because of a physical or mental incapacity shall be presumed to be disabled as that term is used in the Article. **Provides that no policeman who otherwise meets the requirements for a disability benefit shall be denied a disability benefit unless and until the policeman's employer reinstates him or her as a policeman or offers him or her a limited-duty position.** Provides that any policeman who has been denied a disability benefit without an offer of reinstatement or a limited-duty position after the effective date of the amendatory Act is entitled to disability benefits. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**HB2854 Rep. [Stephanie A. Kifowit](#) / SB1707 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a board of 9 (instead of 8) members shall constitute a board of trustees of the fund. Provides that the board shall consist of 4 persons appointed by the mayor of the city; 4 (instead of 3) policemen employed by the city, at least one of whom shall be a lieutenant (instead of a lieutenant or of a rank superior to lieutenant), one of whom shall be of the rank of sergeant, and 2 (instead of one) of whom shall be of the rank of investigator or a rank inferior to that rank; and one annuitant of the fund. Provides that any newly created elected position on the board shall be filled in the same manner as provided for vacant positions.

**HB2855 Rep. [Stephanie A. Kifowit](#) / SB1725 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Tier 2 monthly retirement annuity shall be increased on the January 1 occurring either on or after (i) the attainment of age 55 (instead of age 60) or (ii) the first anniversary of the annuity start date, whichever is later. Provides that each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% (instead of 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u, whichever is less) of the originally granted retirement annuity. In a provision specifying an annuity reduction factor for each year a retiring Tier 2 policeman or fireman is under the age of 55, provides that the retirement annuity of a policeman or fireman who is retiring after attaining age 50 with 20 or more years of service shall not be reduced. Makes a conforming change. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**HB2855 Rep. [Michael J. Kelly](#) / SB0002 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes to Tier 2 benefits, including changing the amount of the automatic annual increase to 3% of the originally granted retirement annuity or 3% of the retirement annuity then being paid for the General Assembly and Judges Articles, changing the limit on the amount of salary for annuity purposes to the Social Security wage base, changing the calculation of final average salary to the Tier 1 calculation for persons who are active members on or after January 1, 2026, and changing the retirement age. Establishes an accelerated pension benefit payment option for the General Assembly, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Code. Provides that, with regard to persons subject to the Tier 2 provisions, a security employee of the Department of Human Services, a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice, an investigator for the Department of the Lottery, or a State highway worker is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement annuity provisions of the State Employee Article of the Code. Authorizes the conversion of service to eligible creditable service. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, and Chicago Firefighter Articles. Authorizes SLEP status under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for a person who is a county correctional officer or probation officer and for a person who participates in IMRF and qualifies as a firefighter under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. In the Downstate Firefighter Article, includes a de facto firefighter in the definition of "firefighter". Defines "de facto firefighter". Provides that the monthly pension of a firefighter who is receiving a disability pension shall be increased at the rate of 3% of the original monthly pension. Makes changes to the minimum retirement annuity payable to a firefighter with 20 or more years of creditable service, the minimum disability pension, and the minimum surviving spouse's pension. Makes other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

### **HB 2704 Rep. [Michael J. Kelly](#)**

Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the [Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act](#) (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles, but only with respect to a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, is entitled under the Chicago Police or Chicago Firefighter Article to begin receiving a retirement annuity or survivor's annuity and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State.

### **HB 3321 Rep. [Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar](#)**

Creates the [Honorable Funerals for First Responders Act](#). Provides that a first responder killed in the line of duty shall receive an honorable funeral. Defines "honorable funeral" as a funeral that respects the wishes of the deceased first responder and the family of the deceased first responder and includes religious observances desired by the deceased first responder and the family of the deceased first responder. Provides that an elected official may not attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty if the elected official knows, or has reason to know, that the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty does not wish the elected official to attend the funeral. Provides that in no case shall any elected official be required to attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty. Provides that the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty shall have sole discretion over which elected official may attend the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty. Provides that, before an elected official attends the funeral of a first responder killed in the line of duty, the elected official must make reasonable efforts to learn if the family of the first responder killed in the line of duty would like the elected official to attend the funeral. Defines other terms.

### **SB1708 Sen. [Robert F. Martwick](#)**

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a policeman has an [application for an ordinary disability benefit](#) denied by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Fund or has a duty disability benefit, ordinary disability benefit, or occupational disability benefit terminated by a majority vote of the Board and brings an action for administrative review challenging the termination or denial of the disability benefit and the policeman prevails in the action in administrative review, then the prevailing policeman shall be entitled to recover from the Fund court costs and litigation expenses, including reasonable [attorney's fees, as part of the costs of the action](#). Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### **SB0219 Sen. [Mike Porfirio](#) - [Michael E. Hastings](#)**

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. [Creates an income tax deduction for taxpayers who are law enforcement officers in an amount equal to the amount of overtime compensation](#) that is paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year for the taxpayer's service as a law enforcement officer and that is included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income. Effective immediately.

