

AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by adding Section 1-140 as follows:

(40 ILCS 5/1-140 new)

Sec. 1-140. Identification of deceased annuitants. Every pension fund or retirement system under this Code, except for a pension fund established under Article 3 or 4 of this Code, shall develop and implement, by no later than June 30, 2017, a process to identify annuitants who are deceased. The process shall require the pension fund or retirement system to check for any deceased annuitants at least once per month and shall include the use of any commonly used methods to identify persons who are deceased, which include, but are not limited to, the use of a third party entity that specializes in the identification of deceased persons, the use of data provided by the Social Security Administration, the use of data provided by the Department of Public Health's Office of Vital Records, or the use of any other method that is commonly used by other states to identify deceased persons.

Section 10. The Vital Records Act is amended by adding

Section 24.5 as follows:

(410 ILCS 535/24.5 new)

Sec. 24.5. Access to records; pension funds and retirement systems. Any information contained in the vital records shall be made available at no cost to any pension fund or retirement system under the Illinois Pension Code for administrative purposes.

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding Section 8.40 as follows:

(30 ILCS 805/8.40 new)

Sec. 8.40. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.