



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4321

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Rep. Michael Halpin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/15-186.1

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-186.1

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions concerning mistakes in benefit calculation, provides that if the amount of the benefit was mistakenly set too high, the error was undiscovered for 3 years or longer, and the error was not the result of incorrect information supplied or information omitted (instead of incorrect information supplied) by the affected member or beneficiary, then upon discovery of the mistake the benefit shall be adjusted to the correct level, but the recipient of the benefit need not repay to the System the excess amounts received in error. Provides that regardless of the date an overpayment is discovered, if the System determines that the overpayment has occurred for specified reasons, the System may recover the overpayment from the recipient thereof or the recipient's estate, plus interest at the effective rate from the date of the overpayment to the date of recovery, either directly or by deducting such amount from the remaining benefits payable to the recipient or the recipient's estate, or by any other means available to the System. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
5 changing Section 15-186.1 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/15-186.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-186.1)

7 Sec. 15-186.1. Mistake in benefit calculation and
8 overpayment recovery.

9 (a) Mistake in benefit calculation. If the System
10 mistakenly sets any benefit at an incorrect amount, it shall
11 recalculate the benefit as soon as may be practicable after
12 the mistake is discovered. If the benefit was mistakenly set
13 too low, the System shall make a lump sum payment to the
14 recipient of an amount equal to the difference between the
15 benefits that should have been paid and those actually paid,
16 plus interest at the effective rate from the date the unpaid
17 amounts accrued to the date of payment.

18 If the benefit was mistakenly set too high, the System may
19 recover the amount overpaid from the recipient thereof, plus
20 interest at the effective rate from the date of overpayment to
21 the date of recovery, either directly or by deducting such
22 amount from the remaining benefits payable to the recipient.
23 However, if (1) the amount of the benefit was mistakenly set

1 too high, and (2) the error was undiscovered for 3 years or
2 longer, and (3) the error was not the result of incorrect
3 information supplied or information omitted by the affected
4 member or beneficiary, then upon discovery of the mistake the
5 benefit shall be adjusted to the correct level, but the
6 recipient of the benefit need not repay to the System the
7 excess amounts received in error.

8 (b) Overpayment recovery. Regardless of the date an
9 overpayment is discovered, if the System determines that the
10 overpayment has occurred for any reason other than those
11 specified in subsection (a) of this Section, the System may
12 recover the overpayment from the recipient thereof or the
13 recipient's estate, plus interest at the effective rate from
14 the date of the overpayment to the date of recovery, either
15 directly or by deducting such amount from the remaining
16 benefits payable to the recipient or the recipient's estate,
17 or by any other means available to the System. This subsection
18 (b) applies to overpayments occurring before, on, or after the
19 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
20 Assembly.

21 (Source: P.A. 93-347, eff. 7-24-03.)

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