



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB3137

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Katie Stuart

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/7-109.3  
30 ILCS 805/8.47 new

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109.3

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Authorizes sheriff's law enforcement employee (SLEP) status for a person who is not eligible to participate in a downstate firefighter fund and is employed on a full-time basis by a participating municipality to perform duties as a paramedic, emergency medical technician (EMT), emergency medical technician-intermediate (EMT-I), or advanced emergency medical technician (A-EMT); but only if the governing authority of that municipality has approved sheriff's law enforcement employee status for such employees by adoption of an affirmative resolution. Provides that the resolution must specify that SLEP status shall be applicable to such employment occurring on or after the adoption of the resolution and that the resolution shall be irrevocable. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 7-109.3 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/7-109.3) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109.3)

7 Sec. 7-109.3. "Sheriff's Law Enforcement Employees".

8 (a) "Sheriff's law enforcement employee" or "SLEP" means:

9 (1) A county sheriff and all deputies, other than  
10 special deputies, employed on a full time basis in the  
11 office of the sheriff.

12 (2) A person who has elected to participate in this  
13 Fund under Section 3-109.1 of this Code, and who is  
14 employed by a participating municipality to perform police  
15 duties.

16 (3) A law enforcement officer employed on a full time  
17 basis by a Forest Preserve District, provided that such  
18 officer shall be deemed a "sheriff's law enforcement  
19 employee" for the purposes of this Article, and service in  
20 that capacity shall be deemed to be service as a sheriff's  
21 law enforcement employee, only if the board of  
22 commissioners of the District have so elected by adoption  
23 of an affirmative resolution. Such election, once made,

1           may not be rescinded.

2           (4) A person not eligible to participate in a fund  
3           established under Article 3 of this Code who is employed  
4           on a full-time basis by a participating municipality or  
5           participating instrumentality to perform police duties at  
6           an airport, but only if the governing authority of the  
7           employer has approved sheriff's law enforcement employee  
8           status for its airport police employees by adoption of an  
9           affirmative resolution. Such approval, once given, may not  
10          be rescinded.

11          (5) A person first hired on or after January 1, 2011  
12          who (i) is employed by a participating municipality that  
13          has both 30 or more full-time police officers and 50 or  
14          more full-time firefighters and has not established a fund  
15          under Article 3 or Article 4 of this Code and (ii) is  
16          employed on a full-time basis by that participating  
17          municipality to perform police duties or firefighting and  
18          EMS duties; but only if the governing authority of that  
19          municipality has approved sheriff's law enforcement  
20          employee status for its police officer or firefighter  
21          employees by adoption of an affirmative resolution. The  
22          resolution must specify that SLEP status shall be  
23          applicable to such employment occurring on or after the  
24          adoption of the resolution. Such resolution shall be  
25          irrevocable, but shall automatically terminate upon the  
26          establishment of an Article 3 or 4 fund by the

1 municipality.

2 (6) A person who is not eligible to participate in a  
3 fund established under Article 4 and is employed on a  
4 full-time basis by a participating municipality to perform  
5 duties as a paramedic, emergency medical technician (EMT),  
6 emergency medical technician-intermediate (EMT-I), or  
7 advanced emergency medical technician (A-EMT); but only if  
8 the governing authority of that municipality has approved  
9 sheriff's law enforcement employee status for such  
10 employees by adoption of an affirmative resolution. The  
11 resolution must specify that SLEP status shall be  
12 applicable to such employment occurring on or after the  
13 adoption of the resolution. Such resolution shall be  
14 irrevocable.

15 (b) An employee who is a sheriff's law enforcement  
16 employee and is granted military leave or authorized leave of  
17 absence shall receive service credit in that capacity.  
18 Sheriff's law enforcement employees shall not be entitled to  
19 out-of-State service credit under Section 7-139.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-354, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1097, eff. 8-26-18.)

21 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
22 Section 8.47 as follows:

23 (30 ILCS 805/8.47 new)

24 Sec. 8.47. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and

1 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for  
2 the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory  
3 Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

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