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State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/1A-104 40 ILCS 5/5-226 rep. 40 ILCS 5/6-220 rep.

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Regulation of Public Pension Funds Article, provides that the Consolidated Fund (instead of the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance or the Consolidated Fund, as appropriate) shall examine or investigate each pension fund established under the Downstate Police or Downstate Firefighter Article of the Code. In the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles, repeals provisions requiring the Director of Insurance to biennially make a thorough examination of the Fund and issue a report. Effective July 1, 2023.

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AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by 5 changing Section 1A-104 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/1A-104)

7 Sec. 1A-104. Examinations and investigations.

8 (a) Except as described in this Section the following 9 paragraph with respect to pension funds established under Article 3 or 4 of this Code, the Division shall make periodic 10 investigations of 11 examinations and all pension funds established under this Code and maintained for the benefit of 12 employees and officers of governmental units in the State of 13 14 Illinois. However, in lieu of making an examination and investigation, the Division may accept and rely upon a report 15 of audit or examination of any pension fund made by an 16 17 independent certified public accountant pursuant to the provisions of the Article of this Code governing the pension 18 19 fund. The acceptance of the report of audit or examination does not bar the Division from making a further audit, 20 21 examination, and investigation if deemed necessary by the 22 Division.

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For pension funds established under Article 3 or 4 of this

Code: (i) prior to the conclusion of the transition period, 1 2 Division shall make the periodic examinations and the 3 investigations described in the preceding paragraph; and (ii) after the conclusion of the transition period, the Division 4 5 may accept and rely upon a report of audit or examination of 6 such pension fund made by an independent certified public 7 accountant retained by the Consolidated Fund. The acceptance 8 of the report of audit or examination does not bar the Division 9 from making a further audit, examination, and investigation if 10 deemed necessary by the Division.

11 The Department may implement a flexible system of examinations under which it directs resources as it deems 12 necessary or appropriate. In consultation with the pension 13 14 fund being examined, the Division may retain attorneys, 15 independent actuaries, independent certified public 16 accountants, and other professionals and specialists as 17 examiners, the cost of which (except in the case of pension funds established under Article 3 or 4) shall be borne by the 18 19 pension fund that is the subject of the examination.

20 (b) The Division or the Consolidated Fund, as appropriate, 21 shall examine or investigate each pension fund established 22 under Article 3 or Article 4 of this Code. The schedule of each 23 examination shall be such that each fund shall be examined 24 once every 3 years.

Each examination shall include the following:(1) an audit of financial transactions, investment

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1 policies, and procedures;

2 (2) an examination of books, records, documents, 3 files, and other pertinent memoranda relating to 4 financial, statistical, and administrative operations;

(3) a review of policies and procedures maintained for the administration and operation of the pension fund;

7 (4) a determination of whether or not full effect is
8 being given to the statutory provisions governing the
9 operation of the pension fund;

10 (5)а determination of whether or not the 11 administrative policies in force are in accord with the 12 purposes of the statutory provisions and effectively protect and preserve the rights and equities of the 13 14 participants;

15 (6) a determination of whether or not proper financial 16 and statistical records have been established and adequate 17 documentary evidence is recorded and maintained in support 18 of the several types of annuity and benefit payments being 19 made; and

20 (7) a determination of whether or not the calculations
21 made by the fund for the payment of all annuities and
22 benefits are accurate.

In addition, the Division or the Consolidated Fund, as appropriate, may conduct investigations, which shall be identified as such and which may include one or more of the items listed in this subsection. - 4 - LRB103 26034 RPS 52389 b

A copy of the report of examination or investigation as 1 2 prepared by the Division or the Consolidated Fund, as appropriate, shall be submitted to the secretary of the board 3 of trustees of the pension fund examined or investigated and 4 5 to the chief executive officer of the municipality. The Director, upon request, shall grant a hearing to the officers 6 7 or trustees of the pension fund and to the officers or trustees 8 of the Consolidated Fund, as appropriate, or their duly 9 appointed representatives, upon any facts contained in the 10 report of examination. The hearing shall be conducted before 11 filing the report or making public any information contained 12 in the report. The Director may withhold the report from 13 public inspection for up to 60 days following the hearing. (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20.) 14

15 (40 ILCS 5/5-226 rep.)

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16 (40 ILCS 5/6-220 rep.)

Section 10. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by repealing Sections 5-226 and 6-220.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
 2023.