94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0157

Introduced 1/11/2005, by Rep. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/17-142.2 new

30 ILCS 805/8.29 new

Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Directs the Fund to conduct a divided medicare coverage referendum, open to teachers hired by an employer prior to March 31, 1986 and continuously employed by that employer through the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly. Allows eligible teachers to irrevocably elect to participate in the federal medicare program. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by adding
Section 17-142.2 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/17-142.2 new)

Sec. 17-142.2. Medicare coverage. To provide for an
election of medicare coverage.

9 <u>(a) The Fund shall conduct a divided medicare coverage</u> 10 <u>referendum, open to any teacher who was hired by an employer</u> 11 <u>prior to March 31, 1986 and has been continuously employed by</u> 12 <u>the same employer through the effective date of this amendatory</u> 13 <u>Act of the 94th General Assembly. The referendum shall be</u> 14 <u>conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of</u> 15 <u>federal law and Article 21 of this Code.</u>

16 (b) A teacher's election to participate in the federal 17 medicare program is irrevocable.

18 <u>(c) Employers shall pay the necessary employer</u> 19 <u>contributions and make the necessary deductions from salary for</u> 20 <u>teachers who elect to participate in the federal medicare</u> 21 <u>program under this Section, as required by the Fund, Article 21</u> 22 <u>of this Code, and federal law.</u>

23 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding 24 Section 8.29 as follows:

- (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)
 Sec. 8.29. 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 94th General Assembly.
- 30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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1 becoming law.