# 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

# 2005 and 2006

#### HB1383

Introduced 2/9/2005, by Rep. Rich Brauer

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/14-130

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-130

Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, instead of repaying the entire amount of a refund, a member may repay a portion of the refund and receive credit for the portion of the refund that was repaid. Effective immediately.

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PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY HB1383

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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 changing
Section 14-130 as follows:

- 6 (40 ILCS 5/14-130) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-130)
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Sec. 14-130. Refunds; rules.

8 (a) Upon withdrawal a member is entitled to receive, upon 9 written request, a refund of the member's contributions, 10 including credits granted while in receipt of disability 11 benefits, without credited interest. The board, in its 12 discretion may withhold payment of the refund of a member's 13 contributions for a period not to exceed 1 year after the 14 member has ceased to be an employee.

For purposes of this Section, a member will be considered to have withdrawn from service if a change in, or transfer of, his position results in his becoming ineligible for continued membership in this System and eligible for membership in another public retirement system under this Act.

20 (b) A member receiving a refund forfeits and relinquishes all accrued rights in the System, including all accumulated 21 creditable service. If the person again becomes a member of the 22 23 System and establishes at least 2 years of creditable service, the member may repay <u>all</u> the moneys previously refunded <u>or a</u> 24 25 portion of the moneys previously refunded representing 26 contributions for one or more whole months of creditable service. If a member repays a portion of moneys previously 27 28 refunded, he or she may later repay some or all of the remaining portion of those previously refunded moneys. 29 30 However, a former member may restore credits previously forfeited by acceptance of a refund without returning to 31 service by applying in writing and repaying to the System, by 32

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1 2 April 1, 1993, the amount of the refund plus regular interest calculated from the date of refund to the date of repayment.

3 The repayment of refunds issued prior to January 1, 1984 shall consist of the amount refunded plus 5% interest per annum 4 5 compounded annually for the period from the date of the refund 6 to the end of the month in which repayment is made. The repayment of refunds issued after January 1, 1984 shall consist 7 of the amount refunded plus regular interest for the period 8 from the date of refund to the end of the month in which 9 10 repayment is made. The repayment of the refund of a person who 11 accepts an alternative retirement cancellation payment under 12 Section 14-108.5 shall consist of the entire amount paid to the person under subsection (c) of Section 14-108.5 plus regular 13 interest for the period from the date of the refund to the end 14 of the month in which repayment is made. However, in the case 15 16 of a refund that is repaid in a lump sum between January 1, 17 1991 and July 1, 1991, repayment shall consist of the amount refunded plus interest at the rate of 2.5% per annum compounded 18 19 annually from the date of the refund to the end of the month in 20 which repayment is made.

Upon repayment, the member shall receive credit for the 21 for which the refund has been repaid, and the 22 service 23 corresponding, member contributions and regular interest that was forfeited by acceptance of the refund, as well as regular 24 25 interest for the period of non-membership. Such repayment shall be made in full before retirement either in a lump sum or in 26 27 installment payments in accordance with such rules as may be 28 adopted by the board.

(b-5) The Board may adopt rules governing the repayment of 29 30 refunds and establishment of credits in cases involving awards 31 of back pay or reinstatement. The rules may authorize repayment 32 of a refund in installment payments and may waive the payment of interest on refund amounts repaid in full within a specified 33 34 period.

(c) A member no longer in service who is unmarried and does 35 not have an eligible survivors annuity beneficiary on the date 36

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1 of application therefor is entitled to a refund of 2 contributions for widow's annuity or survivors annuity 3 purposes, or both, as the case may be, without interest. A 4 widow's annuity or survivors annuity shall not be payable upon 5 the death of a person who has received this refund, unless prior to that death the amount of the refund has been repaid to 6 7 the System, together with regular interest from the date of the 8 refund to the date of repayment.

(d) Any member who has service credit in any position for 9 which an alternative retirement annuity is provided and in 10 11 relation to which an increase in the rate of employee 12 contribution is required, shall be entitled to a refund, 13 without interest, of that part of the member's employee contribution which results from that increase in the employee 14 15 rate if the member does not qualify for that alternative 16 retirement annuity at the time of retirement. 17 (Source: P.A. 93-839, eff. 7-30-04.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

19 becoming law.

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