



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1281

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Sen. Terri Bryant - Donald P. DeWitte, Chris Balkema and Erica Harriss

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/3-144.3 new  
40 ILCS 5/4-138.15 new  
30 ILCS 805/8.49 new

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Firefighter and Downstate Police Articles, but only with respect to a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, is entitled under the Downstate Firefighter Article or Downstate Police Article to begin receiving a retirement annuity or survivor's annuity and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State.

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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 adding  
5 Sections 3-144.3 and 4-138.15 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/3-144.3 new)

7 Sec. 3-144.3. Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. The  
8 Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act, Article 20 of this Code, is  
9 adopted and made a part of this Article, but only with respect  
10 to a person who, on or after the effective date of this  
11 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, is entitled  
12 under this Article to begin receiving a retirement annuity or  
13 survivor's annuity (as those terms are defined in Article 20)  
14 and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems  
15 Reciprocal Act.

16 (40 ILCS 5/4-138.15 new)

17 Sec. 4-138.15. Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. The  
18 Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act, Article 20 of this Code, is  
19 adopted and made a part of this Article, but only with respect  
20 to a person who, on or after the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, is entitled  
22 under this Article to begin receiving a retirement annuity or

1 survivor's annuity (as those terms are defined in Article 20)  
2 and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems  
3 Reciprocal Act.

4 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 8.49 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 805/8.49 new)

7 Sec. 8.49. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and  
8 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for  
9 the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory  
10 Act of the 104th General Assembly.