September 10, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 1960, entitled "AN ACT concerning public employee benefits." While I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation, House Bill 1960 establishes new pension obligations for the State.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 1960.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH Governor