

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 SB2526

Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Kwame Raoul

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/8-163 30 ILCS 805/8.32 new

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-163

Amends the Chicago Municipal Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, before any action is taken by the Board on an application for a duty disability benefit or a widow's compensation or supplemental benefit, the employee or widow shall file a claim with the employer to establish that the disability or death occurred while the employee was acting within the scope of and in the course of his or her duties. Provides an offset of disability benefits for any amounts provided to the employee or surviving spouse as temporary total disability payments, permanent disability payments, a lump sum settlement award, or other payment under the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. Makes other changes concerning disability benefits. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES
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1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing

 Section 8-163 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/8-163) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-163)
 - Sec. 8-163. When disability benefit not payable. (a) If an employee receiving duty or ordinary disability benefit refuses to submit to examination by a physician appointed by the board, or fails or refuses to consent to and sign an authorization allowing the board to receive copies of or examine the employee's medical and hospital records, or fails or refuses to provide complete information regarding any other employment for compensation he has received since he has become disabled, he shall have no further right to receive the benefit.
 - (b) Disability benefit shall not be paid for any time for which the employee receives any part of his salary or is employed by any public body supported in whole or in part by taxation.
- 20 (c) <u>Before any action is taken by the Board on an</u>
 21 <u>application for a duty disability benefit or a widow's</u>
 22 <u>compensation or supplemental benefit, the employee or widow</u>
 23 shall file a claim with the employer to establish that the

disability or death occurred while the employee was acting
within the scope of and in the course of his or her duties.

Any amounts provided to the employee or surviving spouse as temporary total disability payments, permanent disability payments, a lump sum settlement award, or other payment under the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act shall be applied as an offset to the disability benefit paid by the Fund, whether duty or ordinary, or any widow compensation or supplemental benefit payable under this Article until a period of time has elapsed when the benefit payable equals the amount of such compensation, payment, or award. The duty disability benefit shall be offset at the rate of the amount of temporary total disability payments or permanent disability payments made under the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act.

If such amounts are not readily determinable or if an employee has not received temporary total disability payments or permanent weekly or monthly payments for the entire period of disability up to the time of the compensation, payment, or award under the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act, the disability benefit paid by the Fund shall be offset by 66 2/3% of the employee's salary on the date of disablement. The offset shall not be greater than the amount of disability benefits due from the Fund. The offset shall be applied until a period of time has elapsed when the benefit payable equals the amount of such compensation,

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payment, or award. This offset shall not apply to the initial days of disability when workers' compensation would not ordinarily be payable. If an employee who shall be disabled or his widow receives any compensation or payment from the city for specific loss, disability or death under the Workers' Compensation Act, or Workers' Occupational Diseases Act, the disability benefit or compensation or supplemental annuity payable as a result of such specific loss, disability or death shall be reduced by any amount so received if such amount is less than the benefit or annuity or, subject to adjustment when final determination of the amount received can be made, the amount estimated to be received under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act or Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. If the amount received as compensation payment or award under the aforesaid Acts exceeds the disability benefit or compensation or supplemental annuity payable as a result of such specific loss, disability or death, no payment of disability benefit or compensation or supplemental annuity shall be made until a period of time has elapsed when the benefit or compensation or supplemental annuity payable at the rate herein stated equals the amount of such compensation, payment or award. In calculating any such period of time, interest upon the amounts involved shall not be considered. (d) An employee who enters service after December 31, 1987, or an employee who makes application for a disability benefit

applies for a disability benefit for a recurrence of a

- 1 previous disability, and who, while in receipt of an ordinary
- 2 or duty disability benefit, assumes any employment for
- 3 compensation, shall not be entitled to receive any amount of
- 4 such disability benefit which, when added to his compensation
- 5 for such employment during disability, plus any amount payable
- 6 under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act or
- 7 Workers' Occupational Diseases Act, would exceed the rate of
- 8 salary on which his disability benefit is based.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 85-964.)
- 10 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 11 Section 8.32 as follows:
- 12 (30 ILCS 805/8.32 new)
- Sec. 8.32. 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 95th General Assembly.
- 17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 18 becoming law.