



CONSOLIDATION RESOLUTION

IPPFA Remains Cautious

Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) President James McNamee issued the following statement regarding the imminent release of the Governor's Pension Consolidation Task Force report. The report will soon be available for review, and McNamee is urging careful study of each of the report's recommendations before any action is taken:

“We caution against a rush to push through any possible changes in the local control of police and fire pension fund assets based on this report. Pension fund board members are local volunteers who are responsible for the management of their local funds and the setting and awarding of benefits to police officers and firefighters who have earned those benefits in their communities. This gives pension recipients a direct link to the people managing their money. Any suggestion of moving that control to the state needs to be thoroughly vetted, studied, and absolutely must include input from the police officers and firefighters whose hard-earned money is at stake.

“The IPPFA has commissioned independent, outside studies that have shown that the downstate police and fire pension funds are well managed and meet or exceed their investment benchmarks, so if it isn't broken, why fix it? What does need fixing is a key restriction for local police and fire pension funds with less than \$10 million in assets that limits their investment power. If that restriction were eased, and the police and fire pension funds could operate by the same rules as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, the higher returns they could generate means it wouldn't cost taxpayers extra to keep these pension funds healthy.”

Please pass the resolution below and return to our office by **October 15th**.

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Resolution Regarding Consolidation of Pension Funds

WHEREAS, the Governor has appointed a task force to examine issues related to the possible consolidation of Illinois Pension Code Article 3 and Article 4 "Downstate" police and fire pension funds, and

WHEREAS, a report from the task force is anticipated to be completed and presented in October, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the possible consolidation of the \$14 billion in assets and 35,000 active and retired participants is a complex financial, economic and operational undertaking, and such an undertaking should not proceed without proper and comprehensive analysis and review by all stakeholders, most notably the asset owners and representatives of the participating members,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the _____ Pension Fund hereby requests that the Illinois General Assembly not adopt enabling consolidation legislation during the 2019 Veto Session and that any consideration of such a major undertaking be held over until the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

ADOPTED by the Trustees of the _____ Pension Fund to be presented to the local Illinois House Representative(s) and Illinois State Senator(s) and to the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association.

Date of Adoption: _____

ATTESTATION:

Signature _____, President

Printed Name: _____

Signature _____, Secretary

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IPPFA
PREPARE PROTECT EDUCATE INFORM

Saving Blue Lives through Training on PTSD, Suicide, Resilience, and Peer Support

October 9-10, 2019 | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Naperville Police Department
1350 Aurora Ave. in Naperville, IL
(CAPACITY IS NOW FULL)

November 6-7, 2019 | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Illinois Fire Services Institute
11 Gerty Dr. in Champaign, IL

The Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPPFA) and Northern Illinois University have teamed up to develop a program to assist law enforcement leaders and rank-and-file officers in expanding their knowledge of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as it affects police officers. This program is offered at no cost to those attending.

First responders are routinely exposed to critical incidents involving exposure to injury or death in others as well as the risk of injury or death to themselves. Research shows, and those in the profession intuitively know, that individual incidents and accumulated exposure can adversely affect the mental and physical health of those involved.

The program will include:

- Learning the symptoms of PTSD
- Conditions that often present with PTSD, such as depression and substance abuse
- Identifying ways to bolster resistance
- Suicide and conditions such as PTSD
- Methods for dealing with PTSD without the help of a mental health professional
- Effective treatments with the help of a mental health professional

NIU has received a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for a demonstration project. This allows NIU and IPPFA to sponsor two, two-day seminars on PTSD awareness and dealing with this condition. The seminars will be conducted by a qualified mental health care professional with the assistance of experienced sworn personnel with substantial careers in emergency response and investigations.

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