



## **AFFI Bills**

**101st General Assembly Year 1**

**[IL - HB2215 FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING](#)**

Last Action: Passed Both Houses (May 29, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Lane Yednock \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. Provides that training requirements for permanent employment as a fire fighter shall include training in the history of the fire service labor movement using curriculum and instructors provided by a statewide organization representing professional union firefighter in the State. Effective immediately.

**[IL - HB2502 PEN CD-ARTS 4 & 6-TRANSFER](#)**

Last Action: Passed Both Houses (May 30, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kathleen Willis \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Downstate Firefighter and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that until 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, creditable service may be transferred from municipal firefighters' pension funds to the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago. Removes a provision restricting the amount of creditable service that may be transferred. Authorizes, until 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the transfer of creditable service from the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago to municipal firefighters' pension funds. Amends the State Mandates Act to provide for implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**[IL - HB2854 FIRE DPT-APPRENTICE PREFERENCE](#)**

Last Action: Passed Both Houses (May 30, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Robyn Gabel \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act. Creates a hiring preference of up to 20 points for a person who has performed fire suppression service for a department as a firefighter apprentice and otherwise meet the qualifications for original appointment as a firefighter. Requires the firefighter to have completed a minimum of 600 hours of specified fire suppression work in order to be considered for the preference and that the Joint Apprenticeship Committee shall evaluate the merit of the applicant's performance and determine the preference points to be awarded. Modifies how preferences are computed after addition of the apprentice preference. Effective immediately.

**[IL - SB37 PENCD-DNST FIRE-SECONDARY EMPT](#)**

Last Action: Passed Both Houses (May 31, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Melinda Bush \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires a unit of local government of 5,000 or more inhabitants that employs a firefighter who is a full-time firefighter in

a different downstate firefighter pension fund to make specified contributions to that downstate firefighter pension fund. Establishes reporting requirements. Authorizes the State comptroller to intercept State funds in the event the unit of local government does not make its required contribution to the primary employer's downstate pension fund. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

**IL - SB194** PENCD-IMRF-DNST FIRE-HIRE DATE

Last Action: Final Action Deadline Extended-9(b) June 30, 2019 (May 31, 2019)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Dale Fowler \(R\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a firefighter who previously participated in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) for service as a member of the fire department of a municipality and was transferred to that municipality's firefighters' pension fund upon its creation, as required under the Downstate Firefighter Article as a result of the federal decennial census of 2010, shall, for the purposes of determining the applicable tier of benefits, be deemed to have become a firefighter and member of that municipality's firefighters' pension fund on the date that he or she first participated in IMRF as a member of the fire department of that municipality, notwithstanding whether that start date was before January 1, 2011. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.