



Legislative News

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We will comment as to whether a bill is law enforcement friendly and suggest that you call your local representatives and encourage him or her to assist passage or to kill a bill in whatever house it may appear (House or Senate). **It is important that you become involved in these matters. Your approval or rejection of any bill should be made known to your representative.**

Senate Bill 3022

The Military Service Pension Buy Back Bill was introduced on February 4, 2010, in the Senate by State Senator Michael Jacobs. The bill is designed to provide up to two (2) years of pension credit for military service prior to employment at the officers respective department.

A short synopsis as it was introduced:

Amends the Downstate Police and Chicago Police Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Allows police officers to establish creditable service for up to 2 years of military service before employment. Requires payment of employee and employer contributions, plus interest at the actuarially assumed rate. Effective immediately.

This bill, after the third reading, passed both the House and the Senate on April 28, 2010. The bill was sent to the Governor on May 27, 2010 for his approval. On July 23, 2010, the bill was signed into law by the Governor and became Public Act 96-1260 with an effective date of July 23, 2010.

This is a good bill for Law Enforcement and recognizes the essential work done by members of our Armed Services.