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102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY - BILLS PASSED BOTH HOUSES AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED - SECOND YEAR

Bill	Sponsor	Short Title	Short Summary	Status
Number				
HB 900 (ENRL)	Rep. Welch (Sen. Sims)		Appropriates \$2,118,567,000 to SURS for the certified State contribution for FY 2023. Of this amount, \$1,903,567,000 comes from the General Revenue Fund and \$215,000,000 comes from the State Pensions Fund. (The certified State contribution to SURS for FY 2023 is \$2,118,567,000.) Appropriates \$4,937,765 from the Education Assistance Fund to SURS for deposit into the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund for the certified State contribution to the College Insurance Program, which provides health insurance for community college retirees. (The certified State contribution to CIP for FY 2023 is \$4,937,765.) Appropriates an additional \$25,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to SURS for deposit into the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund. Appropriates an additional \$200 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of the State Comptroller for deposit into the Pension Stabilization Fund in FY 2023. (The Pension Stabilization Fund is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the five State-funded retirement systems.) Of the \$200 million, \$453,600 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the General Assembly Retirement System; \$2,380,700 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the State Employees' Retirement System; \$115,215,500 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the State Universities Retirement System. Establishes the Governor's salary as \$190,700 for FY 2023. (The Governor's salary is \$184,800 for FY 2022. Pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/15-155(j-5), SURS employers pay the employer normal cost on the portion of an employee's earnings in excess of the Governor's salary.)	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 4/19/22 as Public Act 102-0698 (House: 72-42- 0; Senate: 34-19-1)
HB 4209 (ENRL)	Rep. Stuart (Sen. Crowe)		Allows a police officer to make an irrevocable election between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023 to transfer service credit from SURS to a downstate police pension fund. Makes other changes.	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 6/10/22 as Public Act 102-1061 (House: 111-4- 0; Senate: 57-0-0)
HB 4292 (ENRL)	Rep. Morgan (Sen. Martwick)	Acceleration Bond Authorization and Buyout Extension	Provides an additional \$1 billion in authorization for State Pension Obligation Acceleration Bonds to finance the Vested, Inactive Buyout Program and the Tier 1 Automatic Annual Increase Buyout Program ("Buyout Programs") created by Public Act 100-0587. Extends the expiration date of the Buyout Programs under SERS, SURS, and TRS for an additional 2 years from June 30, 2024 until June 30, 2026. (Public Act 100-0587 previously authorized \$1 billion in State Pension Obligation Acceleration Bonds to finance the Buyout Programs, and Public Act 101-0010 extended the expiration date of the Buyout Programs from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024.)	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 5/5/22 as Public Act 102- 0718 (House: 108-2-0; Senate: 52-1-0)
HB 4320 (ENRL)	Rep. Halpin (Sen. Martwick)	Exemption Technical Clarification	increase in excess of 6% during an employee's final rate of earnings period. Public Act 102-0016 created a new, permanent 6%	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 5/13/22 as Public Act 102-0764 (House: 103-0- 1; Senate: 56-0-0)



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Bill Number	Sponsor	Short Title	Short Summary	Status					
HB 4700 (ENRL)	Rep. Harris (Sen. Sims)	FY 2023 Budget Implementation Act	Creates the FY 2023 Budget Implementation Act to make changes in State programs that are necessary to implement the State budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Authorizes the use of money in the State Pensions Fund as part of the State contribution to SURS for FY 2023. Requires the Governor to designate one member of the Illinois Investment Policy Board as the Chairperson. Ends the terms of each member of the Illinois Investment Policy Board appointed by the Governor on June 30, 2022. Requires the terms of members of the Illinois Investment Policy Board appointed by the Governor after June 30, 2022 to be as follows: 2 initial members for terms of 2 years and 2 initial members for terms of 4 years. Requires members of the Illinois Investment Policy Board appointed by the Governor to hold office for 4 years, except that any member chosen to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term to be appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she succeeds. Permits Illinois Investment Policy Board members to be reappointed. Permits the Governor to remove a Governor's appointee to the Illinois Investment Policy Board for incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or inability to serve.	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 4/19/22 as Public Act 102-0699 (House: 72-42- 0; Senate: 37-18-0)					
HR 677	Rep. Scherer	Audit of Boards and Commissions	Resolves that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management audit of the State's boards and commissions. Resolves that the audit include, but not be limited to, the following for every known State board and commission: (1) its name and purpose; (2) the number of appointed members and the number of vacancies and the length of the vacancies; (3) costs of member stipends, salaries, and per diems and expense reimbursements to members and State officials and employees for attending board and commission meetings during Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022; (4) the date of each of the board or commission's meetings during Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 and the number of members in attendance and the number of members absent; and (5) identification of any report or work product prepared and made available by the board or commission during Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.	House Adopted on 4/4/22 (110-0-0)					
HR 711	Rep. Hoffman	Urges Russian Divestment	Condemns Russia for its attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. Urges the review and divestment of all funds invested by any State or local unit of government, including but not limited to investments made by the State Board of Investments and any state or local retirement funds that are directly or indirectly related to Russia, to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine.	House Adopted on 4/5/22					
SB 157 (ENRL)	Sen. Hastings (Rep. Zalewski)	Revenue Omnibus	Transfers \$200,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund on July 1, 2022 or as soon thereafter as practical. (The Pension Stabilization Fund is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the five State-funded retirement systems.) Makes other changes.	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 4/19/22 as Public Act 102-0700 (Senate: 55-1- 0; House: 110-0-4)					



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Bill Number	Sponsor	Short Title	Short Summary	Status
	Sen. Holmes (Rep. Harris)	FY 2022 Supplemental	Appropriates an additional \$300 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of the State Comptroller for deposit into the Pension Stabilization Fund in FY 2022. (The Pension Stabilization Fund is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the five State-funded retirement systems.) Of the \$300 million, \$680,400 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the General Assembly Retirement System; \$3,571,000 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the Judges Retirement System; \$64,786,400 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the State Employees' Retirement System; \$172,823,300 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System; and \$58,138,900 is used to reduce the unfunded liabilities of the State Universities Retirement System. Makes other supplemental appropriations for FY 2022.	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 3/25/22 as Public Act 102-0696 (Senate: 39-16- 0; House: 68-43-0)
	Sen. Martwick (Rep. Halpin)	SURS Initiative - Overpayment Recovery Technical Clarification	SURS initiative that codifies longstanding practices related to the recovery of overpayments that are not attributable to a mistake in benefit calculation. (Overpayments due to a mistake in benefit calculation by the System are limited to a 3-year look-back period for recovery. It has been SURS' longstanding legal interpretation and administrative practice that overpayments that are not due to a mistake in benefit calculation by the System are not limited to a 3-year look-back period for recovery.)	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 5/6/22 as Public Act 102- 0746 (Senate: 53-0-0; House: 103-0-0)
(ENRL)	Sen. D. Turner (Rep. McCombie)		Establishes that, in the case of a survivor who is entitled to or currently receiving occupational death benefits pursuant to the deceased employee's applicable retirement system or death benefits pursuant to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, the survivor is eligible for group health insurance benefits regardless of the deceased employee's minimum vesting requirements under the applicable retirement system, with a State contribution rate of 100%, until an unmarried child dependent reaches the age of 18, or the age of 22 if the dependent child is a full-time student, or until the adult survivor becomes eligible for benefits under Medicare. Establishes that the changes made by the legislation with respect to survivors who first became survivors prior to January 1, 2022 apply upon request of the survivor on or after the effective date of the legislation. Applies to survivors of SERS and SURS employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program.	Governor Pritzker Signed into Law on 4/29/22 as Public Act 102-0714 (Senate: 56-0- 0; House: 113-0-0)
(ENRL)	Sen. Sims (Rep. Robinson)	FOIA - Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities Exemption	Modifies an exemption under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act to cover vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to expose the vulnerability or jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures, policies, or plans, or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Provides that information exempt may include such things as details pertaining to cybersecurity vulnerabilities.	Signed into Law on