



# ISSUE BRIEF

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## **House Bill 1614:** Felony Forfeiture Expansion

**IMRF Position:**  
**NEUTRAL**

**Sponsor:**  
**Representative Curtis Tarver**

### Proposed Change in the Law

This bill would require pensions to be terminated if a member is convicted of a “disqualifying offense,” even if it is not job-related. “Disqualifying offenses” are defined in the statute as specific offenses such as crimes against children, murder, and kidnaping. Equivalent provisions are also added for the forfeiture of spousal benefits if the spouse commits a disqualifying offense. Examples of “disqualifying offenses” under the bill are first and second degree murder, indecent solicitation of a child, and aggravated kidnaping.

The bill applies to all Illinois public pension funds and is applicable to new members only.

### Reasons for Position

The determination of whether benefits should be forfeited is a public policy decision for the General Assembly. The provisions apply only to new members and do not have any constitutional concerns.

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