



# ISSUE BRIEF

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## **Senate Bill 3785:**

Public Safety Transfer to Article 3

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

**Sponsor:**  
**Senator John Curran**  
**Representative Jim Durkin**

## Proposed Change in the Law

This bill would create a new window allowing active Article 3 members to transfer IMRF service earned as a county corrections officer to Article 3. It allows members to reinstate service in Article 3 in order to transfer the service.

## Reasons for Position

This is an extension to the window opened by HB 126 (Stuart) from 2021. That window allowed former IMRF participants who earned service credit as a member of SLEP, as a member of law enforcement with a forest preserve district, or who had performed “police duties” at a participating employer. The term “police duties” is not defined anywhere in the Illinois state statutes. The term is used in the IMRF Article, however, in determining if an employee participates in IMRF or an Article 3 fund. IMRF has therefore set the definition of the term using the definition of eligibility for an Article 3 pension fund, which means sworn and commissioned service. County correctional officers are often not sworn and were therefore ineligible to transfer their service.

The intent of the original bill was to allow positions related to law enforcement to transfer their IMRF service, but as drafted it was applicable only to sworn police officers and sheriffs’ deputies.

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