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Before an IMRF employer can increase the earnings of an officer, executive, or manager by 12% or more, the employer must request a written "Pension Impact Statement" from IMRF, according to Public Act 97-0609 (40 ILCS 5/7-225). The Pension Impact Statement will provide employers with:

- The effect the earnings increase could have on the member's pension.
- The estimated additional payment (also known as the Accelerated Payment or AP) the employer will be required to pay, either:
 - 1) In full within 90 days of receipt of an AP invoice (after the member retires), with no interest, or
 - 2) Within three years of the invoice date, at 7.5% interest.
- The estimated total additional pension liability to employer.

To request a Pension Impact Statement, visit IMRF's website to download <u>IMRF Form 3.22 (Request for Pension Impact Statement)</u>. Complete the form and submit; IMRF will issue an invoice for the required \$25 cost to the employer, payable through EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer).

Once the employer receives the Pension Impact Statement from IMRF, *the individual approving the salary increase* must sign and return the statement to IMRF.

Exemptions from the Pension Impact Statement

Certain IMRF earnings increases *greater* than 12% are exempt from the Pension Impact Statement. Exemptions include increases:

- For members who are more than 10 years from retirement eligibility.
- Resulting from standard employment promotions leading to increased responsibility and workload.
- Resulting from an increase in the number of hours required to be worked.

To learn more ...

For more information on Pension Impact Statements and Public Act 97-0609 (40 ILCS 5/7-225), please refer to <u>General Memorandum 620</u> and the <u>Pension Spiking and The Accelerated Payment Webinar Resources</u>, which includes content on Pension Impact Statements. Both are archived on IMRF's website, <u>www.imrf.org</u>. For further questions, contact IMRF using the exclusive, *employer-only* phone, 1-800-728-7971.

