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**"Members Call to Action - Pensions At Risk"
"Last Week of Session"**

We are now in the midst of a possible vote on pension legislation that would drastically reduce the pension benefits of most public employees and significantly increase the employee contributions of others. As of yesterday evening, an amendment was filed to [SB 512](#) which drastically reduces benefits to public employees. Both ISP and IDOC are affected by the most recent draft to this legislation and we are confident that there will be similar legislation introduced for all other police officers if the passage of this bill is successful. They will make promises to break the unity of public employees, then take each group down separately.

[Senate Bill 512](#) was scheduled for a hearing in the [House Personnel and Pensions Committee](#) at 9:00 this morning and passed out of Committee on a 6-2 vote. It may be voted on in the House as early as today.

The amendment contains provisions from [HB 149](#) in which current employees will not get benefits until "the age for retirement of Social Security" and the State will be raising employee contributions every 3yrs. In addition, employer contributions are set at 6% and a lack of enforcement clause is built into the current language.

As written, all benefits earned to date would be unaffected; however employees will have to choose from 3 new options to continue in the system:

Stay in the current tier 1 plan but pay significantly higher contribution, or: Go into a tier 2 plan for new hires that puts retirement age at 67, lowers benefits and decimates annual Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLA), or: Go into a 401k defined contribution plan that freezes current pension credits and relies on the volatile stock market.

[SB 1831](#) was amended yesterday to push all pension funds under the control of IRMF! Also, it would allow AUXILLIARY POLICE to GET PENSIONS!

It is imperative that you personally contact the legislators in your district as soon as possible. We need every member to participate and to encourage their friends and family to contact lawmakers as well. Please call 888-412-6570 to be immediately connected to your lawmakers by phone or go online to ["click to call"](#) to find the legislators in your district.

When you call your legislator please tell them:

"Don't Break the Contract Made With Public Employees."

" Auxiliaries are NOT POLICE, but Cheap Replacements"