

HB 2884**IMRF Sick Leave Credit Portability for Special Ed Co-Op ESPs
(Rep. Guzzardi-D and Sen. Manar-D)**

This legislation provides that if an ESP participates in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) through employment with multiple school districts, special education cooperatives, vocational systems, or a combination thereof, their unused sick leave days from all of these employers can be combined and used as service credit in IMRF. Provides that in calculating the creditable service, the sick leave days from the last employer shall be considered first, then the remaining sick leave days shall be considered until there are no more days or the maximum creditable sick leave threshold of 1 year (240 days) has been reached.

This provision is applicable to ESPs employed by special education cooperatives and vocational systems on or after the effective date of this legislation.

Currently, only ESPs that are employed by multiple school districts have this benefit.