Bill targets public pensions

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Teachers, police, firefighters and other public employee associations are vowing to dig deep into their pockets or pocketbooks to fight back against proposed cuts in retirement benefits under legislation mandated by the state legislature.

Despite fierce union opposition, an Illinois Public Fast for Life is underway.


The Illinois Senate is expected to debate the pension reform measure on Wednesday.

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