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Rep. Fine Passes Strong Ethics Reform Legislation Out of Committee

GLENVIEW, IL – Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) to increase transparency and accountability of public officials, passed out of the State Government Administration Committee on Wednesday.

“All public servants must be held accountable to the public, including individuals who are appointed by elected officials,” said Fine. “The events that happened in Northfield Woods Sanitary District are the result of inadequate oversight and insufficient internal controls. This legislation fills in that gap in the law to prevent these events from happening in the future. It is a strong step in the right direction.”

House Bill 2925 results from recommendations made by the Cook County Inspector General’s Office after an investigation of three Northfield Woods Sanitary District trustees. The investigation found that the three trustees overpaid themselves by more than \$264,000 from 2008 to 2011. Additionally, and without any authorization, the trustees created and contributed to a pension plan.

The bill requires boards, commissions, authorities and task forces that are created by state law or an executive order of the governor and appointed by local governments be subject to the ethics laws and the jurisdiction of the inspector general of the respective local government entity.

“This bill increases transparency and ethical standards, and protects hard-working taxpayers’ money from being wasted,” said Fine. “I will continue to advocate for stronger ethics laws that hold public officials accountable to the people they serve.”

House Bill 2925 advances to the House floor for further consideration. For more information about this or other upcoming pieces of legislation, please contact Rep. Fine’s constituent services office by calling (847) 998-1717 or by e-mailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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