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**JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE – RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
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CONSIDERATION OF AB 521
(BILL NUMBER)

DATE 9/12/89

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CONSIDERATION OF 521A
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DATE 9/12/89

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February 22, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Assembly
FROM: Bruce J. Oradei, Legislative Consultant
Wisconsin Education Association Council
RE: February 22 Rules Calendar

The Wisconsin Education Association Council wishes to inform the members of the Assembly that we support the following bills on today's calendar:

- AB 521 Relating to allowing any retired state employee and certain other former state employees to purchase coverage under the state employee group health insurance plan by furnishing evidence of insurability satisfactory to the insurer.
- AB 558 Relating to the definition of employer under the minimum wage and hours of labor and under the restrictions on use of tests for HIV laws.
- SB 314 Relating to the observance of April 22 as Environmental Awareness Day in public schools.

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State of Wisconsin

JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
AND THE RETIREMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE

May 14, 1990

BLAIR L. TESTIN
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TO: Representative Rick Grobschmidt, JSCRS Co-Chair
FROM: Blair Testin, RRC Staff *B.T.*
RE: Governor's Veto of 1989 Assembly Bill 521

In 1988, the Retirement Research Committee received a letter from Laurine Vogel who lives at 711 Riverside Drive, Madison, which stated the following:

"I am a former State of Wisconsin Employee with about 18 years of service. During that period, there were no health insurance benefits, although I do receive a state pension.

Is there a possibility of coverage through the state health plan or through the one recently established for local government employees?"

This letter pointed out a loophole in the current group health insurance program for retired state employees, and also the new group health insurance program created by 1987 Wis. Act 107 for retired local employees. The 1987 Act specifically created a local retiree group health plan to cover those retirees of local government who do not have access to their local employer health plan for one reason or another. Because the new plan was specifically designed for local governmental retirees, by definition it excludes state retirees.

The letter from Mrs. Vogel points out that some retired state employees do not have access to the state group health plan for one reason or another. Accordingly, the RRC recommended introduction of A.B. 521 to allow coverage under the state group plan--but only upon proof of insurability. This bill carried no fiscal note, and received no negative votes in any of the Committee hearings including the JSCRS, the Assembly Committee on Health, and the Senate Committee on Governmental Operations. This bill passed both the Senate and Assembly on a voice vote.

The Governor's veto message indicates his concern that the bill might in the long run serve to erode efforts to limit health care costs. To my knowledge, no one has indicated that this legislation would have an adverse financial effect upon the state group health insurance program for retirees. This legislation requires proof of insurability, and responsibility for payment of all premiums by the retiree. This legislation reflects continuing efforts to allow access to group health insurance coverage in lieu of individual coverage which is much more expensive. The 1989 bill is similar to 1987 Wis. Act 107 which was signed by the Governor to create similar access to a group health plan for local government retirees.

If I may furnish you any further information on this legislation or the issues involved, please contact me.

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WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY ROLL CALL
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SEQUENCE NO. 1014
MAY 15, 1990
1:41 PM

AB 521
GROBSCHMIDT, R.

OVERRIDE VETO
AB 521 STATE RETIREE HEALTH
INSURANCE

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A N NV NAME	A N NV NAME	A N NV NAME
A ANTARAMIAN, J. (D)	A HOLSCHBACH, V. (D)	A ROBSON, J. (D)
A BALDUS, A. (D)	A HUBER, G. (D)	A ROHAN, S. (D)
A BARCA, P. (D)	A HUBLER, M. (D)	N ROSENZWEIG, P. (R)
A BELL, J. (D)	N HUELSMAN, J. (R)	A RUTKOWSKI, J. (D)
A BLACK, S. (D)	N JOHNSRUD, D. (R)	N SCHMIDT, G. (R)
A BOCK, P. (D)	N KLUSMAN, J. (R)	A SCHNEIDER, M. (D)
A BOLLE, D. (D)	A KRUG, S. (D)	N SCHNEIDERS, L. (R)
A BOYLE, F. (D)	A KRUSICK, M. (D)	N SCHULTZ, D. (R)
N BRANCEL, B. (R)	A KUNICKI, W. (D)	A SEERY, T. (D)
N BRANDEMUEHL, D. (R)	N LADWIG, J. (R)	A STOWER, H. (D)
A CARPENTER, T. (D)	N LAHN, J. (R)	A SWOBODA, L. (D)
A CLARENBACH, D. (D)	N LARSON, R. (R)	A THOMPSON, R. (D)
A COGGS, M. (D)	A LAUTENSCHLAGER (D)	A TRAVIS, D. (D)
A COGGS, S. (D)	N LEHMAN, M. (R)	N TREGONING, J. (R)
N COLEMAN, C. (R)	N LEPAK, D. (R)	N TURBA, W. (R)
A CULLEN, D. (D)	N LEWIS, M. (R)	A UNDERHEIM, G. (R)
N DARLING, A. (R)	A LINTON, B. (D)	N URBAN, F. (R)
N DEININGER, D. (R)	N LORGE, W. (R)	A VAN DREEL, M. (D)
N DUFF, M. (R)	N LOUCKS, S. (R)	N VAN GORDEN, H. (R)
A FERGUS, S. (D)	A MEDINGER, J. (D)	A VANDERPERREN, C. (D)
A FORTIS, L. (D)	A MOORE, G. (D)	N VERGERONT, S. (R)
N FOTI, S. (R)	A MUSSER, T. (R)	A VOLK, J. (D)
N GARD, J. (R)	A NOTESTEIN, B. (D)	N WALLING, E. (R)
N GOETSCH, R. (R)	N OTT, A. (R)	N WELCH, R. (R)
A GROBSCHMIDT, R. (D)	N OURADA, T. (R)	A WILLIAMS, A. (D)
A GRONEMUS, B. (D)	N PANZER, M. (R)	N WIMMER, J. (R)
A GRUSZYNSKI, S. (D)	A PLACHE, K. (D)	A WINEKE, J. (D)
A HAMILTON, L. (D)	N PORTER, C. (R)	A WOOD, W. (D)
A HARSDORF, S. (R)	A POTTER, C. (D)	A YOUNG, R. (D)
A HASENOHRL, D. (D)	A POTTER, R. (D)	N ZEUSKE, C. (R)
A HAUKE, T. (D)	N PROSSER, D. (R)	N ZIEN, D. (R)
A HINKFUSS, R. (D)	N RADTKE, R. (R)	A ZWECK, B. (D)
A HOLPERIN, J. (D)	A ROBERTS, V. (D)	A SPEAKER (D)

NO VACANT DISTRICTS

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Assembly Committee on Health reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 521

Relating to allowing any retired state employe and certain other former state employes to purchase coverage under the state employe group health insurance plan by furnishing evidence of insurability satisfactory to the insurer. Introduced by Representatives Grobschmidt, Volk, and Hamilton, cosponsored by Senators Jauch and Stitt, by request of Retirement Research Committee.

Passage:

Ayes: (16) Noes: (0) Absent: (1)

Assembly Bill 594

Relating to premium subsidies for certain persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation. Introduced by Representatives Bock, Clarenbach, Notestein, Bolle, Carpenter, Schneiders, Young, Plache, M. Coggs, Barrett, Fortis, Lautenschlager, Boyle, S. Coggs, Moore, Gruszynski, Bell, Robson, Black, Kunicki and Loftus, cosponsored by Senators Te Winkle, Chvala, Burke and Feingold.

Adoption of amendment 1:

Ayes: (16) Noes: (0) Absent: (1)

Passage as amended:

Ayes: (12) Noes: (4) Absent: (1)

Assembly Bill 624

Relating to family health benefits counseling and making an appropriation. Introduced by Representatives Linton, Seery, Ourada, Stower, Rohan, Notestein, Boyle, Barca, Bock, Young, Fortis, Lautenschlager, Baldus, Johnsrud, Barrett, Antaramian, Hubler, Harsdorf, Deininger, Bell, Clarenbach, Gruszynski, S. Coggs and M. Coggs, cosponsored by Senators Jauch, Plewa and Burke.

Adoption of amendment 1:

Ayes: (16) Noes: (0) Absent: (1)

Passage:

Ayes: (16) Noes: (0) Absent: (1)

Assembly Bill 649

Relating to qualifications of the state health officer. Introduced by Representatives Robson, Schneider, Young, Bell, Boyle, Plache, Hamilton, Volk, Gruszynski, Van Dreel, Bock, Barca, Medinger, Stower, Krusick, Barrett, Seery, Fortis and

Roberts, cosponsored by Senators Plewa, Rude and Kreul.

Passage:

Ayes: (9) Noes: (7) Absent: (1)

Assembly Bill 684

Relating to allowing up to 5 refills of certain prescribed drugs on the original prescription upon the authorization of the prescribing practitioner. Introduced by Representatives Van Dreel, Swoboda, Vanderperren, Hamilton, Boyle, Volk, Linton, Gronemus, Williams, Zweck, Kunicki, Rohan, Travis, Huber, Musser, Hauke, Zien, Tregoning, Lepak, Porter and Duff, cosponsored by Senator Van Sistine, by request of Warren Fowler.

Passage:

Ayes: (14) Noes: (2) Absent: (1)

Senate Bill 292

Relating to review of applications for approval of certain additional beds or of certain activities by a nursing home under the resource allocation program of the department of health and social services; reporting information concerning cancer to the department of health and social services; applying certain insurance laws to federally regulated self-insured health and disability plans; the telecommunications assistance program; medical assistance eligibility of children in certain adoption placements; assignment by medical assistance recipients of rights to payment of medical expenses; treatment of income in determining eligibility for medical assistance; recovery of public assistance overpayments; and verification of eligibility for certain public assistance benefits (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of health and social services). Introduced by Law Revision Committee.

Concurrence:

Ayes: (16) Noes: (0) Absent: (1)



Timothy W. Carpenter
Chair

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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September 26, 1989

Referred to Assembly Committee on Health.

January 24, 1990

PUBLIC HEARING HELD.

Present: (16) Representatives Carpenter, Bock, Gronemus, Black, Young, Zweck, Robson, Huber, R. Potter, Rosenzweig, Ourada, Johnsrud, Schmidt, Van Gorden, Underheim and Deininger.

Absent: (1) Rep. Moore.

Appearances for the bill:

Rep. Rick Grobschmidt, 21st Assembly District, author of the bill
Mr. Blair Testin, Retirement Research Council

Appearances against the bill:

None.

Appearances for information only:

None.

Registrations for the bill:

Mr. Bruce J. Oradei, WEAC

Registrations against the bill:

None.

January 24, 1990

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.

Present: (16) Representatives Carpenter, Bock, Gronemus, Black, Young, Zweck, Robson, Huber, R. Potter,

Rosenzweig, Ourada, Johnsrud,
Schmidt, Van Gorden, Underheim and
Deininger.

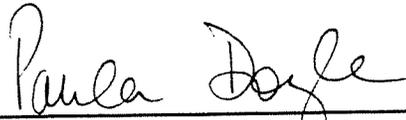
Absent: (1) Rep. Moore.

Moved by Rep. Gronemus, seconded by Rep. Bock that
Assembly Bill 521 be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Carpenter, Bock,
Gronemus, Black, Young, Zweck,
Robson, Huber, R. Potter,
Rosenzweig, Ourada, Johnsrud,
Schmidt, Van Gorden, Underheim and
Deininger.

Noes: (0) None.

Motion carried: Assembly Bill 521 recommended for
passage.



Paula Doyle, Committee Clerk