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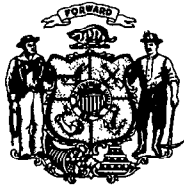
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**1999 BILL**

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- 1 AN ACT ...; relating to: health insurance coverage for former local government  
2 employees who are participants in the Wisconsin retirement system.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the group insurance board (GIB) offers a health care coverage plan to public employers, other than the state, in which the employer may obtain health care coverage for its employees. In addition, GIB offers a health care coverage plan to retired employees who are receiving an annuity under the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS).

This bill provides that any participating employe in the WRS who terminates creditable service after attaining 20 years of creditable service in the WRS, who is not receiving a WRS annuity and who was employed by a public employer, other than the state, that had acted to make health care coverage available to its employes under a GIB plan, may elect to receive health care coverage under a GIB plan. In order to receive health care coverage under the GIB plan, the employe must elect coverage within 60 days after the date on which he or she ceases to be a participating employe and must pay the cost of the required premiums. If the employe does not elect at this time, or if he or she later cancels the insurance, the employe may not subsequently become insured under the GIB plan unless the employe furnishes evidence of insurability satisfactory to the insurer, at the employe's expense or obtains coverage subject to contractual waiting periods.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.515 (1) (s) <sup>✓</sup>X of the statutes is amended to read:  
 2           20.515 (1) (s) *Benefit and coverage payments; employers other than the state;*  
 3 *retired employees. All moneys received for health care coverage by the public employe*  
 4 *trust fund from eligible employees, as defined in s. 40.02 (25) (b) 9m. <sup>✓</sup>and 11., and from*  
 5 *employers, as defined in s. 40.02 (28), other than the state, and their employes*  
 6 *electing to be included in health care coverage plans through a program offered by*  
 7 *the group insurance board for payment of benefits and the costs of administering*  
 8 *benefits under s. 40.51 (7) and (10). Estimated disbursements under this paragraph*  
 9 *shall not be included in the schedule under s. 20.005.*

History: 1971 c. 40 s. 93; 1971 c. 125, 1973 c. 90, 151, 337; 1975 c. 39, 1977 c. 29, 84; 1979 c. 34, 38; 1979 c. 102 s. 236 (4); 1981 c. 96; 1981 c. 187 s. 10; 1981 c. 250, 1983 a. 27, 247, 255; 1983 a. 394 s. 2; 1985 a. 29, 1987 a. 27, 107; 1987 a. 403 <sup>✓</sup>256, 1989 a. 14, 31; 1989 a. 56 s. 259; 1991 a. 269; 1995 a. 27, 88, 89, 240; 1997 a. 26, 27.

10           **SECTION 2.** 40.02 (25) (b) 9m. of the statutes is created to read:

11           40.02 (25) (b) 9m. A participating employe who terminates creditable service  
 12 after attaining 20 years of creditable service, who is not receiving an annuity under  
 13 the Wisconsin retirement system and who was employed by an employer that had  
 14 acted under s. 40.51 (7) <sup>✓</sup> to make health care coverage available to its employes;

15           **SECTION 3.** 40.05 (4) (ae) <sup>✓</sup>X of the statutes is created to read:

16           40.05 (4) (ae) For health insurance, each eligible employe, as defined in s. 40.02  
 17 (25) (b) 9m. <sup>✓</sup>, who elects coverage under s. 40.51 (10) <sup>✓</sup> shall pay the entire amount of  
 18 the required premiums.

19           **SECTION 4.** 40.51 (10) <sup>✓</sup>X of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           40.51 (10) ~~Beginning on July 1, 1988, any~~ Any eligible employe, as defined in  
2           s. 40.02 (25) (b) 9m. or 11., may become covered by group health insurance by electing  
3           coverage within 60 days after the date on which he or she ceases to be a participating  
4           employe, and by paying the cost of the required premiums, as provided in s. 40.05 (4)  
5           (ad) or (ae), whichever is applicable. Any eligible employe who does not so elect at  
6           the time specified, or who later cancels the insurance, shall not thereafter become  
7           insured unless the employe furnishes evidence of insurability satisfactory to the  
8           insurer, at the employe's expense or obtains coverage subject to contractual waiting  
9           periods, and pays the cost of the required premiums, as provided in s. 40.05 (4) (ad)  
10          or (ae), whichever is applicable. The method of payment shall be specified in the  
11          health insurance contract.

History: 1981 c. 96; 1983 a. 27; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27, 107, 356; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a. 31, 93, 121, 129, 182, 201, 336, 359; 1991 a. 39, 70, 113, 152, 269, 315, 1993 a. 450, 481; 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27, 155, 202, 237, 252; s. 13-07(2) (c).

12           **SECTION 5.** 40.52 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           40.52 (4) The group insurance board shall establish the terms of health  
14           insurance plans for eligible employes, as defined under s. 40.02 (25) (b) 9., 9m. and  
15           11., who elect coverage under s. 40.51 (7) or (10).

History: 1981 c. 96, 381, 1983 a. 429; 1987 a. 107; 1987 a. 327, 356; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a. 13, 1991 a. 45; 1995 a. 216.

16           **SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

17           (1) This act first applies to elections to receive health care coverage under  
18           section 40.51 (10) of the statutes by eligible employes, as defined in section 40.02 (25)  
19           (b) 9m. of the statutes, who terminate covered employment under the Wisconsin  
20           retirement system on the effective date of this subsection.

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(END) ✓

**SUBMITTAL  
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561  
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and **sign** on the appropriate line(s) below.

**Date:** 2/19/99

**To:** Representative Skindrud

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-2165

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction



in the **Senate** \_\_\_\_ or the **Assembly**  (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction \_\_\_\_\_.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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