

Vote Record

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations

Date: 9-21-95
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Committee Member

Sen. Robert Wirch, Chair
Sen. Gwendolynne Moore
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt
Sen. Gary Drzewiecki
Sen. David Zien

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SENATE HEARING SLIP

(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 9/21/99

BILL NO. SB 187

OR
SUBJECT Sick leave

conversion

Jack O'Meara
(NAME)

106 E. Doty St.
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53703
(City and Zip Code)

PROFS, Inc. - faculty
(Representing)

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BILL NO. SB 187

OR
SUBJECT 10 yr. requirement

to use sick leave credits
toward health insurance

Ann Steven R. Williams
(NAME)
Rt. 5

(Street Address or Route Number)

Sparta, WI 54656
(City and Zip Code)

WT Troopers' Association
(Representing)

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OR
SUBJECT State Employee

Sick leave

Michael Moore
(NAME)

152 W. Johnson St.
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53703
(City and Zip Code)

Council # 1 / W.E.A.C.
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SUBJECT SICK LEAVE CREDITS

(NAME) Doris Boyer

(Street Address or Route Number) 533 Excelsior Dr.

(City and Zip Code) Madison 53717

(Representing) AFSCME

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SUBJECT _____

(NAME) Jan Steinbergs

(Street Address or Route Number) 2945 South Hi St

(City and Zip Code) East Troy, WI 53120

(Representing) Wis. Troopers Assoc.

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OR

SUBJECT Eliminating time

period for sick leave

(NAME) Donald Mezei

(Street Address or Route Number) 5709 Addison Pkwy

(City and Zip Code) Schwan Field WI 54476

(Representing) Myself

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BILL NO. SB 187

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SUBJECT KEN OPIN

(NAME)

1334 APPELATE RD.

(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON, WI 53713

(City and Zip Code)

WFTWEAK

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SUBJECT SICK LEAVE CREDITS

(NAME)

Tom Thornford

(Street Address or Route Number)

Rt. 1, Box 255

(City and Zip Code)

GRAND VIEW, WI 54839

STATE RETIRES

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SENATE HEARING SLIP

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DATE: 21 September 1999

BILL NO. Senate Bill 187

OR

SUBJECT Sen. Fred Risser

(Name)

220 South, Capitol

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

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DATE: September 9, 1999

TO: SENATOR ROBERT WIRCH, CHAIRPERSON, SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS

FROM: Dan Fernbach, Senior Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: 1999 Senate Bill 187, Relating to Eliminating the Time Period in Which State
Employees Must Use Accumulated Sick Leave Credits to Purchase State Group
Health Insurance

1999 Senate Bill 187 was introduced by Senator Risser on June 8, 1999. A public hearing on the bill has been scheduled for September 21, 1999.

A. PRESENT LAW

Under present s. 40.05 (4), Stats., if a *state employe* who is covered by state group health insurance *terminates employment* in a position covered under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) *and has attained the minimum age* (age 55 for most state employes) to begin receiving a WRS retirement benefit, or if a state employe covered under the state group health insurance program is *laid off*, the employe's *accumulated unused sick leave may be converted*, at the employe's final rate of pay, *to credits for the payment of health insurance premiums* during the employe's retirement or period of layoff.

Upon conversion of unused sick leave to credits, present law also requires the employe to begin using the sick leave credits for the purchase of state group health insurance *not later than 10 years after the date of conversion*.

B. PROVISIONS OF 1999 SENATE BILL 187

1999 Senate Bill 187 *repeals the statutory requirement* that sick leave credits must be used to purchase group health insurance within 10 years after the date of conversion from accumulated unused sick leave. As a result, the bill will *allow an unlimited period* for state annuitants, their surviving insured dependents or other terminated employes to defer the use of

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accumulated sick leave conversion credits as long as they are covered by a comparable health insurance program. The bill also allows people whose time for election had expired under current law a six-month "window of opportunity" to again elect to defer their sick leave credits.

According to the *fiscal estimate* prepared by the Department of Employee Trust Funds, the effect of the bill on group health insurance costs "is indeterminate but not likely to be significant." One-time *administrative costs* are estimated at less than \$1,000.

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Wisconsin Speaker Pro Tempore
Representative Stephen J. Freese

September 21, 1999

Senator Robert Wirch, Chairman
Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Gov't Operations
Room 300 Southeast
State Capitol

Dear Chairman Wirch and Committee Members:

I regret that I am unable to testify before the committee today on Senate Bill 187, relating to eliminating the time period in which state employees must use accumulated sick leave credits to purchase state group health insurance.

I will not repeat what you will most likely hear from Senator Risser today, the Senate author of SB 187, but I would like to reiterate the importance of giving state employees an option of when they can use their sick leave credits for the purchase of state group health insurance. It is something they have worked for and earned, therefore, I do not believe we should tie their hands and force them to use the credits ten years after they retire or are laid off.

I think it is best to give individuals the right to use the credits when they most need them or use them at a time that is convenient for them.

The fiscal estimate indicates that the cost of this legislation is "likely to be insignificant" - administrative costs would approximately be \$800 one-time for primarily informational purposes.

I would greatly appreciate your support of SB 187. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Freese".

Stephen J. Freese
State Representative

SJF:rlr

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