

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 219 Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 Memo published: October 19, 2011 Contact: Melissa Schmidt, Staff Attorney (266-2298)

Under *current law*, a city, village, town, county, technical college district, or school district may provide its employees with health care benefits for use by an employee upon his or her retirement (postemployment health care benefits). Current law does not direct how these benefits are to be funded.

2011 Assembly Bill 219 (the bill) specifies that if a city, village, town, county, technical college district, or a school district other than a first class city school district and board (Milwaukee Public School District) provides post-retirement health care benefits to an employee hired on or after the effective date of the bill, then the cost of the benefits must be fully funded on an actuarial basis.

Assembly Amendment 1 extends the funding requirement of post-retirement health care benefits described above to include the Milwaukee Public School District. Assembly Amendment 2 amends the bill to require that the funding requirement applies to any employee hired on or after January 1, 2013.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 were both introduced by Representative Thiesfeldt on October 7, 2011. On October 18, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3; and Assembly Amendment 2 by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1. The committee then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

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