



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 191
[2013 Senate Bill 330]

**Purchase of Military Service Under
the Wisconsin Retirement System**

2013 Act 191 establishes a program under which participating employees in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) may purchase years of creditable service under the WRS for years of active service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Wisconsin statutes contain a program under which WRS employees who have performed service, other than military service, as an employee of a federal, state, or local government employer that is not a WRS participating employer may purchase years of WRS creditable service for those years of service with that employer. Act 191 removes the military service exclusion, allowing the purchase of creditable WRS service for prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard. In order to qualify for the program, the characterization of service at discharge from military service must be “honorable” or “general”.

Effective date: April 6, 2014. The Act applies to participating employees in the WRS who terminate covered employment on or after the effective date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.