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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 670**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 670

2019 Assembly Bill 670 makes various changes to the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). One of the changes made by the bill relates to the minimum age of retirement. Under current law, a participant in the WRS who is not a protective occupation participant, may retire as early as age 55 and qualify for an immediate annuity from the WRS. Under the bill, the age is increased to either **age 59.5** or the **age at which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not penalize a person for taking a distribution from a 401 (k) plan**, whichever age is greater. This increase in the minimum age first applies to individuals who are under the age of 40 on the effective date of the bill and who terminate WRS-covered employment on or after the bill's effective date.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes references that tie the age at which the IRS does not penalize a person for taking a distribution from a 401 (k) plan to the minimum age that a WRS participant who is not a protective occupation participant may retire and qualify for an immediate annuity from the WRS. Under the amendment, the minimum age that a participant in the WRS who is not a protective occupation participant may retire and qualify for an immediate annuity from the WRS is **age 59.5**.

### BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced on February 6, 2020, by Representative Felzkowski. On February 13, 2020, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs, voted to recommend adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 6.

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