



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 330

Senate Amendment 1

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2013 Senate Bill 330 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.

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Current 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. Senate Bill 330 removes the military service exclusion, allowing the purchase of creditable WRS service for prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces. In order to qualify for the program, the characterization of service at discharge may not be "dishonorable."

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Senate Amendment 1 adds service in the National Guard to that which is subject to the discharge characterization limitation, and changes the discharge characterization limitation to require the discharge be under "honorable" or "general" conditions, rather than only disqualifying "dishonorable" characterizations of service from the program.

Bill History

Senator Gudex offered Senate Amendment 1 on October 14, 2013. On January 21, 2014, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. On that date, the committee also voted unanimously to recommend passage of the bill, as amended.

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