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Thanks,

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February 9, 1999

In s. 40.65 (3) (d), I provided that the employer "must make every <u>reasonable</u> effort" to reinstate the person as opposed to "make every effort". In this way, the employer's required degree of effort is bounded. Is this OK?

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SUBMITTAL FORM

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561 5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 2/9/99 To: Representative Spillner Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-2063 Topic Duty disability benefits for protective occupation participants under WRS Subject(s) Employ Pub - employe benefits, Employ Pub - retirement 1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction in the Senate ____ or the Assembly ___ (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies. 2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated. 3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

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