

**DRAFTER'S NOTE  
FROM THE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Under Article IV, section 26 (3), of the Wisconsin Constitution any retroactive increase in retirement benefits provided to a former employe must be approved by a three-fourths vote of all members elected to both houses of the legislature and must be funded with moneys appropriated from the general fund. If you wish for this increase in death benefits to be retroactive to participating employes who died before the effective date of the bill, I will need to create an appropriation from the general fund for this purpose. Under the Wisconsin Constitution, the increase cannot be funded from moneys in the employe trust fund. Please advise.

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