

1999 SENATE BILL 88

March 18, 1999 – Introduced by Senators WELCH, FITZGERALD, DRZEWIECKI, DARLING, SCHULTZ, PLACHE and CLAUSING, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, SYKORA, TRAVIS, ALBERS, PLOUFF, GOETSCH, FREESE, WALKER, OWENS, HAHN, KELSO and PETTIS. Referred to Joint survey committee on Retirement Systems.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 40.02 (15) (c) 4. of the statutes; **relating to:** creditable military
2 service under the Wisconsin retirement system.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a participating employe under the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS) may receive one year of creditable service under WRS for each year of military service, up to a maximum of four years of military service credit, at the time of retirement in either of the following ways:

1. If the participant left employment covered under WRS to enter military service and returned to the same employer within 180 days after being discharged, the participant may receive one year of military service credit for each year of military service (regardless of the amount of the participant's creditable service).

2. If the participant's military service was performed before 1974 and the participant terminates employment covered under WRS on or after January 1, 1982, the participant may receive up to one, two, three or four years of military service credit if the participant has at least five, ten, fifteen or twenty years, respectively, of creditable service (not counting previously granted military service credit). However, the participant may not receive military service credits for military service that is used for the purpose of establishing entitlement to a retirement benefit that is paid by the federal government.

This bill provides that, for the purposes of item 2., the participant may receive military service credits under the WRS for military service that is used for the purpose of establishing entitlement to a retirement benefit that is paid by the federal government.

