

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions

Senate Bill 97

Relating to: increasing the membership of the employe trust funds board.

By Senators Wirch and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Ryba, Meyer, Schneider, Boyle and Pocan.

March 23, 1999 Referred to committee on Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions.

August 24, 1999

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances for

- Ken Opin, WFT & WEAC
- Amber Meyer, Senator Robert Wirch

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Paul Gabriel, Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Assn.

Registrations against

- None.

August 24, 1999

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Present: (4) Senators Erpenbach, Jauch, Plache and Rude.

Absent: (1) Senator Fitzgerald.

Moved by Senator Jauch, seconded by Senator Erpenbach, that **Senate Bill 97** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Erpenbach, Jauch, Plache, Rude and
Fitzgerald(polling).
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 0



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Committee Clerk

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Committee Report

The committee on **Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions**, reports and recommends:

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Senator Jon Erpenbach
Chair

EX SESSION

Roll Call

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sen Erpenbach	X	
Sen Fitzgerald		X
Sen Jauch	X	
Sen Plache	X	
Sen Rude	X	

Committee Meeting Aug 24th

Roll Call

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sen Erpenbach	X	
Sen Fitzgerald		X Notified of absence
Sen Jauch	X	
Sen Plache		
Sen Rude	X	

VOTE SHEET

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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT _____
Authored by _____
Seconded by _____

SENATE AMENDMENT _____
Authored by _____
Seconded by _____

MOTION Jauch / Erpenbach

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	YES	NO
SENATOR ERPENBACH	X	
SENATOR FITZGERALD	X	polled
SENATOR JAUCH	X	
SENATOR PLACHE	X	
SENATOR RUDE	X	

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Hand Deliver

Re: SB 97 -- ETF Board Membership

Dear Senator Erpenbach,

On behalf of Wisconsin Technical College district board members statewide, the District Boards Association supports SB 97. This bill would expand the ETF Board from 12 to 14 members including one new member who is a district employee of a Wisconsin Technical College and who is not a teacher. We support providing expanded representation for an important class of participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System. SB 97 would do so without making the Board unduly large or otherwise diluting the board's representation of other WRS stakeholders.

I plan to attend the August 24th Committee hearing and will register in favor of SB 97. I do not plan to provide testimony at this time. Let me know if you would like any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Gabriel
Executive Director



**Testimony to the Committee on Privacy, Electronic Commerce and
Financial Institutions – Senate Bill 97**

August 24, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

By Senator Robert Wirch

Good morning Senator Erpenbach, members of the Committee, I appreciate very much the opportunity to come before you today to speak on behalf of Senate Bill 97. I introduced this bill on behalf of the countless individuals who are covered under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), and who work for school districts, but who do not have representation on the Employee Trust Fund Board.

The ETF Board makes policy in the areas of public employee retirement, health insurance and disability benefits. There are currently twelve members on the Board. SB 97 would make it possible for two additional members to be appointed.

I believe it is very important that school support staff are not overlooked with regard to their representation on ETF's Board when it comes to the matter of their wages and benefits.

This bill allows a school district employee who is not a teacher, and a technical college district employee who is not a teacher to be represented on the Board. Both of these individuals would be participants in the WRS. Both members would serve four-year terms on the Board.

In the 1993-94 legislative session, a proposal was drafted to increase the size of

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the ETF Board to require a school district employee who is not a teacher or professional employee to be appointed. This LRB draft did not make it into bill form before the session adjourned, however.

The thousands of school support staff in the Wisconsin Retirement System deserve representation on the ETF Board. Your vote of confidence today on SB 97 will allow this to become a reality.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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Legislative Testimony

To: Senate Committee on Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions

From: Ken Opin, WFT Lobbyist
Representing: WEAC and WFT



RE: Support for Senate Bill 97: adding a K-12 school district support staff member and a WTCS support staff member to the Employee Trust Funds Board

WFT and WEAC urge you to support Senate Bill 97: adding a K-12 school district support staff member and a WTCS support staff member to the Employee Trust Funds Board.

- The ETF Board sets policy affecting K-12 and WTCS support staff, yet support staff are not represented on the ETF Board.
- A number of laws penalize support staff. They need their own advocates on the ETF Board.
- There are thousands of technical college and school district support staff in the Wisconsin Retirement System. They are entitled to representation on the ETF Board.

Background

The State of Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds (ETF) Board is responsible for state policy on public employee retirement, health insurance and disability programs. Currently, 12 members serve on this board, none of whom represent educational support personnel.

The State of Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds (ETF) Board sets policy for the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF); appoints the ETF secretary; approves tables used for computing benefits, contribution rates and actuarial assumptions; authorizes all annuities except for disability; approves or rejects ETF administrative rules; and generally oversees the benefit programs, except group insurance and deferred compensation.

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