

2001 SENATE BILL 197

May 30, 2001 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, BURKE and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives POCAN, BOYLE, TURNER, GRONEMUS, PLALE and MILLER. Referred to Joint survey committee on Retirement Systems.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 40.22 (2) (g); and *to create* 20.285 (1) (ag) and
2 40.22 (2) (g) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** participation in the Wisconsin
3 retirement system for teaching assistants and project assistants employed by
4 the University of Wisconsin System and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with some exceptions, any state employee or an employee of a participating employer in the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS) is eligible to participate in the WRS if the employee is expected to work at least one-third of what is considered full-time employment and the employee's expected duration of employment is at least one year. Currently, however, teaching assistants, project assistants, and students who are employees in training at the University of Wisconsin System and the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority and students appointed by a school or other education system in which the person is regularly enrolled as a student and is attending classes to perform services incidental to the person's course of study at that school or education system are prohibited from participating in the WRS. This bill eliminates this prohibition with respect to teaching assistants and project assistants at the University of Wisconsin System.

This bill will be referred to the joint survey committee on retirement systems for a detailed analysis, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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1 a school or other education system in which the person is regularly enrolled as a
2 student and is attending classes to perform services incidental to the person's course
3 of study at that school or education system.

4 **SECTION 4.** 40.22 (2) (g) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

5 40.22 (2) (g) 2. This paragraph shall not apply to an employee who is a teaching
6 assistant, as defined in s. 111.81 (19m), or a project assistant, as defined in s. 111.81
7 (15m).

8 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

9 (1) This act takes effect on the January 1 after publication.

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