

2003 SENATE BILL 166

May 14, 2003 – Introduced by Senator RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives POCAN, BOYLE, BLACK, TURNER, HAHN, MILLER and BERCEAU. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 40.22 (2) (g); *to amend* 40.22 (2) (b) and 40.22
2 (4); and *to create* 20.285 (1) (ag) and 40.22 (2) (g) 2. of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System for teaching assistants
4 and project assistants employed by the University of Wisconsin System and
5 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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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				2003-04	2004-05
3	20.285	University of Wisconsin System			
4	(1)	UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC			
5		SERVICE			
6	(ag)	Retirement contributions for			
7		teaching assistants and project			
8		assistants	GPR A	-0-	-0-

9 **SECTION 2.** 20.285 (1) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

10 20.285 (1) (ag) *Retirement contributions for teaching assistants and project*
11 *assistants.* The amounts in the schedule for the payment of contributions under s.
12 40.05 (1), (2), and (2m) for teaching assistants, as defined in s. 111.81 (19m), and
13 project assistants, as defined in s. 111.81 (15m), who are participating employees in
14 the Wisconsin Retirement System.

15 **SECTION 3.** 40.22 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 40.22 (2) (b) The employee’s expected duration of employment is less than one
17 year and the employee is not a teaching assistant, as defined in s. 111.81 (19m), or
18 a project assistant, as defined in s. 111.81 (15m).

