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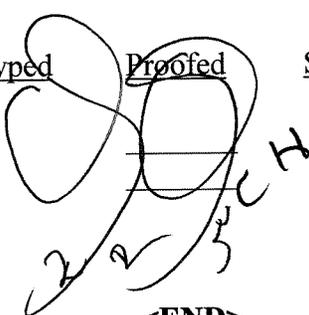
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2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE

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LRB-1966/1
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TITLES
heading → Education
Subheading → HIGHER EDUCATION

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1 AN ACT to amend 40.02 (20) and 40.55 (1); and to create 40.02 (20) (b), 40.02
2 (21c) and 40.02 (21d) of the statutes; relating to: providing coverage for
3 domestic partners of University of Wisconsin System employees and
4 annuitants under health care coverage plans and long-term care insurance
5 policies offered by the Group Insurance Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Group Insurance Board offers health care coverage plans for state employees, local government employees, school district employees, and annuitants under the Wisconsin Retirement System. ~~In addition, the Group Insurance Board currently offers long-term care insurance policies to state employees and state annuitants. Under the health care coverage plans, the employees and annuitants are able to receive coverage for dependents; under the long-term care insurance policies, the employees and annuitants are able to purchase the policies for their spouses and parents.~~

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This bill provides that domestic partners of University of Wisconsin System employees and annuitants are eligible to receive coverage under the health care coverage plans offered by the Group Insurance Board and that state employees and state annuitants are able to purchase the policies for their domestic partners. Under the bill, a domestic partner is defined as any individual who is in a relationship with any other individual that satisfies all of the following:

1. Each individual is at least 18 years old and otherwise competent to enter into a contract.

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2. Neither individual is married to, or in a domestic partnership with, another individual.

3. The two individuals are not related by blood in any way that would prohibit marriage under current law.

4. The two individuals consider themselves to be members of each other's immediate family.

5. The two individuals agree to be responsible for each other's basic living expenses.

For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 40.02 (20) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 40.02 (20) "Dependent" means the:

3 (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the spouse, minor child, including
4 stepchildren of the current marriage dependent on the employee for support and
5 maintenance, or child of any age, including stepchildren of the current marriage, if
6 handicapped to an extent requiring continued dependence. For group insurance
7 purposes only, the department may promulgate rules with a different definition of
8 "dependent" than the one otherwise provided in this ~~subsection~~ paragraph for each
9 group insurance plan.

10 **SECTION 2.** 40.02 (20) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

11 40.02 (20) (b) For an employee of the Board of Regents of the University of
12 Wisconsin System or for an annuitant who was employed by the Board of Regents
13 of the University of Wisconsin System on the day on which he or she terminated
14 covered employment, the spouse, domestic partner, minor child, including
15 stepchildren of the current marriage or children of a domestic partner dependent on
16 the employee for support and maintenance, or child of any age, including

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2 handicapped to an extent requiring continued dependence.

3 **SECTION 3.** 40.02 (21c) of the statutes is created to read:

4 40.02 (21c) "Domestic partner" means an individual in a domestic partnership.

5 **SECTION 4.** 40.02 (21d) of the statutes is created to read:

6 40.02 (21d) "Domestic partnership" means a relationship between 2
7 individuals that satisfies all of the following:

8 (a) Each individual is at least 18 years old and otherwise competent to enter
9 into a contract.

10 (b) Neither individual is married to, or in a domestic partnership with, another
11 individual.

12 (c) The 2 individuals are not related by blood in any way that would prohibit
13 marriage under s. 765.03.

14 (d) The 2 individuals consider themselves to be members of each other's
15 immediate family.

16 (e) The 2 individuals agree to be responsible for each other's basic living
17 expenses.

18 **SECTION 5.** 40.55 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **40.55 Long-term care coverage.** (1) Except as provided in sub. (5), the state
20 shall offer, through the group insurance board, to eligible employees under s. 40.02
21 (25) (bm) and to state annuitants long-term care insurance policies which have been
22 approved for sale in this state by the office of the commissioner of insurance and
23 which have been approved for offering under contracts established by the group
24 insurance board if the insurer requests that the policy be offered, and the state shall
25 also allow an eligible employee or a state annuitant to purchase those policies for his

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1 or her spouse or parent. If the eligible employee is employed by the Board of Regents
 2 of the University of Wisconsin System or if the state annuitant was employed by the
 3 Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on the day on which he or
 4 she terminated covered employment, the state shall also allow the eligible employee
 5 or state annuitant to purchase those policies for his or her domestic partner.

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.

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UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN system

(1) ^{apply} This act first applies to coverage under group insurance plans offered by the
 8 group insurance board on January 1, 2006.

(END)

The treatment of section 40.02 (20)^v and 40.02
 (21c)^v, and (21d)^v of the statutes and the
 creation of section 40.02(20)(b) of the statutes

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DOMESTIC PARTNER benefits for UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
System employees and annuitants.

Miller, Steve

From: Hanle, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:52 AM
To: Miller, Steve
Cc: Binau, Rj; Kraus, Jennifer - DOA
Subject: RE: FW: Asset sales draft
Importance: High

On the matter on which Jenny and I left you a voice mail, we would like to amend s. 40.02 (20), which defines "dependent" to include the phrase "domestic partners at the University of Wisconsin system." Thanks.

Bob Hanle
State Budget Office
266-1037

Champagne, Rick

From: Hanaman, Cathlene
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 4:06 PM
To: Champagne, Rick; Grant, Peter
Subject: FW: Revision to LRB#1966/1 - Domestic partner Benefits

Of course.

-----Original Message-----

From: Grant, Peter
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 4:05 PM
To: Hanaman, Cathlene
Subject: FW: Revision to LRB#1966/1 - Domestic partner Benefits

Can RAC take care of this in the morning?

-----Original Message-----

From: Binau, RJ
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 4:00 PM
To: Hanaman, Cathlene; Miller, Steve; Grant, Peter
Cc: Schmiedicke, David; Kraus, Jennifer - DOA; Hanle, Bob
Subject: Revision to LRB#1966/1 - Domestic partner Benefits

PEter,

The domestic partner benefit draft should REMOVE all specific references to the UW System. The result is that domestic partner benefits will be permitted for all state employees.

Thanks

RJ
Robinson J. Binau
State Budget Office
608.266.2843



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FOR 2005-07 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

heading → RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE → EDUCATION HIGHER EDUCATION *state*

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ⓑ employee trust funds

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14 SECTION 9372. Initial applicability; ~~University of Wisconsin System~~

ⓑ STATE

15 (1) DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS FOR ~~UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM~~ EMPLOYEES
16 AND ANNUITANTS. The treatment of section 40.02 (20), (21c), and (21d) of the statutes
17 and the creation of section 40.02 (20) (b) of the statutes first apply to coverage under
18 group insurance plans offered by the group insurance board on January 1, 2006.

19 (END)



State of Wisconsin
2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1966/2
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