

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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SECTION 9115. Nonstatutory provisions; Employee Trust Funds.

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SECTION 9315. Initial applicability; Employee Trust Funds.

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 - (2) CALCULATION OF ANNUITIES UNDER THE WISCONSIN REPAREMENT SYSTEM.
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- 2. Eligible employees covered under section 40.02 (25) (b) 2. of the statutes, as 1 affected by this act, shall pay 50 percent of the amounts required for employees under 2 subdivision 1. 3
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Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 8:43 AM

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Getting back to or favorite subject -- Initial Applicability provisions for represented employees -- I would like to suggest the following language for the WRS contribution draft (11-0757) and the health insurance draft (11-0639). This language is based on the assumption that both SELRA and MERA will continue, albeit with the reduced areas of bargaining for almost all employees:

The treatment of[insert statutory sections] first apply to employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that contains provisions inconsistent with this act on the day on which the agreement expires or is **terminated**, extended, modified, or renewed, whichever occurs first.

This is our usual boilerplate, modified to include the word "terminated" which appears in bold. I believe that this captures every scenario at both the state and local level: expired but extended contracts, expired contracts, and current contracts. I fear that in our efforts to try to nail down unusual events (like the current contracts under SELRA), we may be inadvertently creating confusion. The Initial Applicability provision I've presented above, as modified, is not that much different from the boilerplate language that appears in scores of bills every session (and has for 30 years) and will address the contingency of expired but extended contracts.

Can I go with this?

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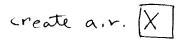
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SECTION 9115. Nonstatutory provisions; Employee Trust Funds.

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 - (2) CALCULATION OF ANNUITIES UNDER THE WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), for elected officials, as defined in section 40.02 (24) of the statutes, who are participating employees in the Wisconsin retirement system, the treatment of section 40.23 (2m) (e) 2. of the statutes first applies to creditable service that is performed on the first day of a term of office that begins after the effective date of this paragraph.
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DOA:.....Frederick, BAB0013 - Calculation of Employee Required Contributions under WRS

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

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Current law also requires the employer to pay all of the employer required contributions, but permits the employer, on behalf of its employees, to pay all or part of the employee required contributions. This bill provides that an employer may not pay, on behalf of its employees, any of the employee required contributions under the WRS or under an employee retirement system of a 1st class city or a county having a population of 500,000 or more. This provision would therefore cover not only the WRS, but also the City of Milwaukee Employes' Retirement System and the Milwaukee County Employees' Retirement System. The bill further provides that

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Currently, when a WRS participant terminates employment and becomes eligible for a retirement annuity, assuming the participant does not receive a money purchase annuity, the amount of the annuity is determined by multiplying the participant's final average earnings by the participant's years of creditable service and by a percentage multiplier. For a protective occupation participant, the multiplier is either 2 percent or 2.5 percent, depending on whether the person is covered by social security. For elected officials and executive participating employees, the multiplier is 2 percent. For all other participants in the WRS, the multiplier is 1.6 percent. This bill decreases the multiplier for elected officials and executive participating employees from 2 percent to 1.6 percent for creditable service that is performed on or after the bill's effective date.

Because this bill relates to public employee retirement or pensions, it may be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems for a report to be printed as an appendix to the bill.

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

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	6	before the effective date of this subdivision.
	7	(b) If an employer is unable to modify payroll procedures in sufficient time to the increased employer as required contributions
	8	collect employees' increased share of the premium costs for health care coverage
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