



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 482

January 24, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives BIES and MOLEPSKE JR, cosponsored by Senator TAYLOR. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 40.05 (1) (b) 1.; and *to create* 40.05 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** payment of employee required contributions under the Wisconsin
3 Retirement System by certain law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), general and teacher employees must pay as employee required contributions a percentage of their earnings equal to one-half of the total actuarially required contribution rate to fund all of their WRS benefits. Protective occupation participant employees, which include law enforcement and fire fighting personnel, must pay the same percentage of earnings as general and teacher employees. Current law prohibits the employer from paying, on behalf of the employee, any of the employee required contribution amounts, except that the employer must collectively bargain over this matter for those law enforcement and fire fighting employees who were initially employed by the employer before July 1, 2011.

This bill provides that if a municipal employer employs police officers, and all of the police officers are not in collective bargaining units, the municipal employer must pay the employee required contribution amounts for those police officers who were initially employed by the municipal employer before July 1, 2011.

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.

