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FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

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2011 Wisconsin Act 32 increased the number of hours that an employee must work in order to become a participating employee in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), from one–third of what is considered full–time employment to two–thirds of what is considered full–time employment, as determined by DETF by rule. Under 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, this change in law did not apply to those employees who were first *hired* by a WRS employer before July 1, 2011, regardless of whether they were participating employees before that date. This bill provides that in order to be exempt from this change in law, employees must have been *participating employees* before July 1, 2011.

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

SECTION 1. 40.22 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.22 **(2)** (a) Except as provided in sub. (2m), the employee was ~~initially employed by a participating employer~~ a participating employee before July 1, 2011,

and is not expected to work at least one-third of what is considered full-time employment by the department, as determined by rule.

SECTION 2. 40.22 (2m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.22 **(2m)** (intro.) An employee who was ~~initially employed by a participating employer~~ a participating employee before July 1, 2011, who is not expected to work at least one-third of what is considered full-time employment by the department, as determined by rule, and who is not otherwise excluded under sub. (2) from becoming a participating employee shall become a participating employee if he or she is subsequently employed by the state agency or other participating employer for either of the following periods:

(END)