



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 390

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Provisions of 2009 Senate Bill 390

2009 Senate Bill 390 permits an annuitant under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), who is a member of a retiree organization that is affiliated with an employee organization, to have the Department of Employee Trust Funds (DETF) deduct from the annuitant's annuity monthly voluntary payments for either organization or an entity affiliated with either organization.

Provisions of Senate Substitute Amendment 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2009 Senate Bill 390 does the following:

- Specifically authorizes DETF to charge organizations and affiliated entities that wish to receive monthly voluntary payments, a fee to cover all costs incurred by the department in deducting and remitting voluntary payments and in mailing the printed information and membership materials.
- Delays until **July 1, 2011**, any deductions for voluntary monthly payments for the employee or retiree organization or any other entity affiliated with either organization.
- Specifically provides the Employee Trust Funds Board and DETF employees immunity from civil liability for any act or omission while performing official duties while withholding any voluntary payments under the legislation.
- Incorporates the provisions of Senate Amendment 1 to 2009 Senate Bill 390 clarifying the applicability of the legislation to members of a retiree organization that represents annuitants.
- Includes appropriate language to permit the use of program revenue received by the department from fees paid by retirees and affiliated organizations for the purposes of

administering the payment requirements and in mailing printed information and membership materials.

The substitute amendment makes no other substantive changes in the legislation.

Legislative History

2009 Senate Bill 390 was introduced on November 9, 2009, by Senator Hansen and others; cosponsored by Representative Mason and others; referred to the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs. That committee held a public hearing on the bill on March 3, 2010. At an executive session on March 10, 2010, the committee voted to adopt Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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