



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 502

August 7, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives WIRCH, KREUSER, GRONEMUS, LORGE, GROBSCHMIDT, BOYLE, PLACHE, MEYER, BALDWIN, PLOMBON and BAUMGART, cosponsored by Senators ANDREA, RISSER, MOEN, WINEKE, GEORGE and DECKER. Referred to Joint survey committee on Retirement Systems.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 40.02 (3) (a); and **to create** 40.02 (22m) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** the calculation of a retirement annuity for educational support
3 personnel employes participating in the Wisconsin retirement system.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when a participant in the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS) retires from active service, he or she may be eligible for a WRS retirement annuity. The monthly annuity is computed on the basis of the participant's final average earnings, which is based on the 3 annual earnings periods in which the earnings were highest and the years of creditable service. For most participants, an annual earnings period means a calendar year. But for teachers under the WRS, an annual earnings period means the period beginning on the first day of a school year and ending on the day prior to the beginning of the next school year.

This bill provides that the annual earnings period for educational support personnel employes (school district employes who are not teachers or professional employes) covered under the WRS is the same as that for teachers.

This bill will be referred to the joint survey committee on retirement systems for a detailed analysis, which will be printed as an appendix to the bill.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 40.02 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 40.02 (3) (a) For a teacher or an educational support personnel employe, it
6 means the period beginning on the first day of a school year and ending on the day

1 prior to the beginning of the next school year, as determined by the employer in
2 accordance with rules of the department.

3 **SECTION 2.** 40.02 (22m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 40.02 (**22m**) "Educational support personnel employe" means a person who is
5 a school district employe, but who is not a teacher or a professional employe, as
6 defined in s. 111.70 (1) (L).

7 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) This act first applies to the calculation of a retirement annuity under the
9 Wisconsin retirement system of an annuitant who is first eligible to receive such a
10 retirement annuity beginning on the effective date of this subsection.

11 (END)