



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM**

Memo No. 6

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT AUTHORITIES

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RE: Summary of Changes in WLC: 0032/2

DATE: July 3, 2007

The following list describes the substantive changes contained in WLC: 0032/2, relating to airport districts. Generally, the changes reflect the conclusions reached by the committee during the January 16, 2007 meeting. Those conclusions are described in the minutes from the January 16, 2007 meeting.

Additionally, several changes were made at the suggestion of the Department of Employee Trust Funds in order to facilitate the committee decision to allow Milwaukee County employees who become district employees to continue to participate in the county retirement system if Milwaukee County creates a local airport district.

Summary of Changes in WLC: 0032/2

- Page 5, lines 10 to 13: WLC: 0032/2 would create s. 40.02 (25) (a) 7., Stats. Section 40.02 (25) (a) defines “eligible employee” for the purpose of any group insurance. This change was inserted at the suggestion of the Department of Employee Trust Funds in order to clarify that employees of an airport district who choose to remain in the Milwaukee County Retirement System would be eligible for insurance programs offered through the state if the airport district decided to avail itself of those programs.
- Page 5, line 24 to page 6, line 2: WLC: 0032/2 would create s. 40.22 (2) (m), Stats. This change was inserted at the suggestion of the Department of Employee Trust Funds in order to exclude an employee who chooses to remain in the Milwaukee County Retirement System from participating in the Wisconsin Retirement System.
- Page 29, lines 9 to 12: WLC: 0032/2 adds the phrase “or whose territorial jurisdictions include property that has received funding as a result of the most recently adopted noise abatement

study, completed pursuant to Part 150 of FAA regulations, for the airport transferred under s. 229.865 on or before the date of transfer.” This phrase reflects the conclusion of the committee to include noise abatement areas in the definition of “surrounding community.”

- Page 34, lines 7 and 8: This change reflects the conclusion of the committee to require the affirmative vote of six members of a district board in order for the district to exercise its power of eminent domain.
- Page 36, lines 7 to 9: This change reflects the conclusion of the committee to require that sales of property by an airport district must be consistent with the district’s obligations under federal law.
- Page 36, line 15: WLC: 0032/2 adds the phrase “within 10 days of the transfer.” This change was inserted at the suggestion of the Department of Employee Trust Funds in order to specify a deadline by which a Milwaukee County employee who becomes a district employee must choose whether to remain in the Milwaukee County Retirement System.
- Page 36, lines 20 to 23: This change provides that a district employee in the Wisconsin Retirement System may not collect a pension from the Milwaukee County Retirement System until the person retires from district employment.
- Page 40, line 8: WLC: 0032/2 deletes the phrase “and shall be without financial consideration other than the assumption of liabilities and obligations.” This change reflects the conclusion of the committee that a transfer agreement may include financial consideration to the local governmental unit.
- Page 40, lines 13 to 15: This change reflects the conclusion of the committee that a local airport district must recognize and bargain in good faith with unions.

In addition to the changes described above, the amendment, WLC: 0089/1, authorizes a local airport district to impose a property tax in order to meet its financial obligations.

SG:RS:jal