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- AN ACT to amend 40.16 (3); and to create 36.30 of the statutes, relating to the university of Wisconsin system faculty and academic sick leave plan, provision of conversion credit for unused sick leave to pay health insurance premiums and granting rule-making authority.
- The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 36.30 of the statutes is created to read:

**36.30 Sick leave.** (1) Leave of absence for faculty and academic staff personnel with pay, owing to sickness, shall be regulated by rules of the board, consistent with the sick leave program established under s. 40.146 (11) (intro.) except that unused sick leave shall accumulate from year to year.

(2) Faculty and academic staff personnel who as a result of long and faithful service have accumulated unused sick leave under sub. (1) shall, at the time of retirement or death; receive full conversion credit at the current basic pay rate for those days. The conversion credit shall be recorded and used on behalf of the employe or surviving dependents to offset the cost of health insurance premiums under s. 40.16 (3). In this subsection, "dependent" means the spouse of the employe or the employe's unmarried child as defined by the rules of the group insurance board. The appointing officer shall notify the group insurance board within 60 days of the employe's retirement of the amount of credit the employe is eligible to receive.

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administration of this benefit shall be subject to ch. 40, and the rules of the group insurance board.

SECTION 2. 40.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.16 (3) Health insurance shall be continued after retirement for any eligible employe who has not elected to discontinue such coverage and the full premium therefor shall be deducted from credits earned under  $\frac{1}{5}$  s. 16.30 (2) and (2m) and 36.30 (1) and (2) until exhausted, and then from annuity payments, if the annuity is sufficient. The board shall provide for the direct payment of premiums by the annuitant to the insurer if the premium to be withheld exceeds the annuity payment.

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