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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 294

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AN ACT to amend 40.02 (15) (c) 4. of the statutes; relating to: creditable military

service under the Wisconsin retirement system.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a participating employe under the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS) may receive one year of creditable service under WRS for each year of military service, up to a maximum of 4 years of military service credit, at the time of retirement in either of the following ways:

- 1. If the participant left employment covered under WRS to enter military service and returned to the same employer within 180 days after being discharged, the participant may receive one year of military service credit for each year of military service (regardless of the amount of the participant's creditable service).
- 2. If the participant's military service was performed before 1974 and the participant terminates employment covered under WRS on or after January 1, 1982, the participant may receive up to 1, 2, 3 or 4 years of military service credit if the participant has at least 5, 10, 15 or 20 years, respectively, of creditable service (not counting previously granted military service credit). However, the participant may not receive military service credits for military service that is used for the purpose of establishing entitlement to a retirement benefit that is paid by the federal government.

This bill provides that, for the purposes of item 2., the participant may receive military service credits under the WRS for military service that is used for the purpose of establishing entitlement to a retirement benefit that is paid by the federal government.

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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 this 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:

Section 1. 40.02 (15) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

40.02 (15) (c) 4. This If the participant makes an election under s. 40.30 (2), this paragraph does not apply to any active service used for the purpose of establishing entitlement to, or the amount of, any benefit, other than a disability benefit, to be paid by any federal retirement program except OASDHI and the retired pay for nonregular military service program under 10 USC 1331 to 1337 or, if the participant makes an election under s. 40.30 (2), by any retirement system specified in s. 40.30 (2) other than the Wisconsin retirement system.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act applies to participating employes under the Wisconsin retirement system who terminate covered employment on or after the effective date of this subsection.

13 (END)