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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2003

TO: Employee Trust Funds Board
Teachers Retirement Board
Wisconsin Retirement Board

FROM: Vicki Poole, Director of Legislation and Planning

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The following is a listing of bills that affect Department of Employee Trust Funds (DETF) operations and have been introduced or had action taken since the last Board meeting:

AB 75 classifies employees of the Department of Military Affairs who perform security functions at weapons facilities owned by the state as protective occupation participants under the WRS.

Introduced by Rep. Musser. Referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

AB 76 classifies teachers and librarians employed at state correctional institutions, secured correctional facilities, the mental health institutes at Mendota and Winnebago, the Wisconsin Resource Center, or any secure mental health unit or facility for sexually violent persons as protective occupation participants under WRS.

Introduced by Rep. Musser. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

AB 77 provides that a participating employee in the WRS who terminates covered service on or after the effective date of the bill may receive creditable military service (under certain conditions) for active military service served at any time.

Introduced by Rep. Musser. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

AB 262 authorizes cities, towns and villages to create combined protective services departments.

Introduced by Rep. Ziegelbauer. Referred to the Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

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AB 454 provides that DETF must make available for public inspection and copying any records containing the name of a participant who holds, or held, an elective or major appointive state or local office, together with the amount of any retirement annuity that is paid or projected to become payable to the participant.

Introduced by Rep. Gundrum. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Spending Limitations.

SB 91 limits participation in WRS to supreme court justices, court of appeals judges, circuit court judges and state elected officials whose initial terms of office began before the bill's effective date.

Introduced by Sen. Reynolds. Referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

SB 93 credits certain prior service in the U.S. maritime services in the WRS.

Introduced by Sen. Erpenbach. Referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

SB 160 exempts from taxation retirement plan income received by an individual.

Introduced by Sen. Kedzie. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

SB 166 allows participation in the WRS for teaching assistants and project assistants employed by the UW System.

Introduced by Rep Risser. Referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.