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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2009
TO: Employee Trust Funds Board
FROM: Matt Stohr, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Communications, and Quality Assurance
SUBJECT: 2009 Senate Bill 390

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

Please find 2009 Senate Bill 390 (SB 390) attached to this brief memo. SB 390 permits a Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) annuitant, who is a member of a retiree organization that is affiliated with an employee organization, to have the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) deduct voluntary payments for retiree organizations from the annuitant's monthly WRS annuity. The bill, as drafted, also relates to the mailing by ETF of retiree organization material to WRS members.

This bill is on the agenda as a discussion item.

I will be at the December 3 meeting to discuss SB 390 with the Board. As of this writing, a similar version of this bill has not been introduced in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Attachment: SB 390

Reviewed and approved by Rhonda Dunn, Executive Assistant.

Signature Date

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2009 SENATE BILL 390

November 9, 2009 – Introduced by Senators HANSEN, COGGS, WIRCH, KREITLOW, TAYLOR, LEHMAN, HOLPERIN, MILLER, ERPENBACH, CARPENTER and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives MASON, POCAN, BERCEAU, VAN AKKEREN, JORGENSEN, SHILLING, SINICKI, DANOU, BENEDICT, HIXSON, ROYS, A. WILLIAMS, KESSLER, COLON, HEBL, POPE-ROBERTS, ZIGMUNT, MOLEPSKE JR., TOLES, PARISI and SOLETSKI. Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 40.07 (1); and *to create* 40.03 (2) (im) and 40.08 (1j) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** deduction of voluntary payments from retirement
3 annuities under the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill permits an annuitant under the Wisconsin Retirement System, who is a member of a retiree organization that is affiliated with an employee organization, to have the Department of Employee Trust Funds (DETF) deduct from the annuitant's annuity monthly voluntary payments for either organization or an entity affiliated with either organization. Under the bill, the secretary of employee trust funds must establish a procedure for deducting monthly voluntary payments and for designating the organizations and affiliated entities eligible to receive the voluntary payments. The procedure must require that DETF, at the request of an organization or affiliated entity, mail to annuitants any printed information and membership materials for the organization or affiliated entity. The organization or affiliated entity must provide DETF the printed information and membership materials and DETF must identify to the organization or affiliated entity the total number of annuitants.

The bill also requires the secretary to charge organizations and affiliated entities that wish to receive monthly voluntary payments a fee to cover all costs for mailing the printed information and membership materials.

Finally, the bill provides that, when remitting deducted voluntary payments to an organization or affiliated entity, the secretary must, for each annuitant from

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whose annuity voluntary payments are deducted, provide the organization or affiliated entity with the annuitant's name, amount of the deduction, and a unique identifier.

Because this bill relates to public employee retirement or pensions, it may be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems for a report to be printed as an appendix to the bill.

For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 40.03 (2) (im) of the statutes is created to read:

2 40.03 **(2)** (im) Shall permit an annuitant who is a member of a retiree
3 organization that is affiliated with an employee organization to have the department
4 deduct from the annuitant's annuity monthly voluntary payments for the employee
5 or retiree organization or any other entity affiliated with either organization. The
6 secretary shall establish a procedure for deducting monthly voluntary payments and
7 for designating the organizations and affiliated entities eligible to receive the
8 voluntary payments. The procedure shall require that the department, at the
9 request of an organization or affiliated entity, mail to annuitants any printed
10 information and membership materials for the organization or affiliated entity. The
11 organization or affiliated entity must provide the department the printed
12 information and membership materials and the department must identify to the
13 organization or affiliated entity the total number of annuitants. The secretary shall
14 charge organizations and affiliated entities that wish to receive monthly voluntary
15 payments a fee to cover all costs for mailing the printed information and membership
16 materials. When remitting deducted voluntary payments to an employee or retiree
17 organization or affiliated entity, the secretary shall, for each annuitant from whose
18 annuity voluntary payments are deducted, provide the employee or retiree

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1 organization or affiliated entity with the annuitant's name, amount of the deduction,
2 and a unique identifier.

3 **SECTION 2.** 40.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 40.07 (1) Notwithstanding any other statutory provision, individual personal
5 information in the records of the department is not a public record and shall not be
6 disclosed except as provided in this section and s. 40.03 (2) (im).

7 **SECTION 3.** 40.08 (1j) of the statutes is created to read:

8 40.08 (1j) VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS AND
9 AFFILIATED ENTITIES. Notwithstanding sub. (1), an annuitant may have the
10 department deduct from his or her annuity monthly voluntary payments to an
11 employee or retiree organization or affiliated entity under s. 40.03 (2) (im).

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