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Correspondence Memorandum

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To: Group Insurance Board

From: David H. Nispel, General Counsel

Subject: Status of Proposed Administrative Rules

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

This memorandum is presented quarterly to inform board members about the status of administrative rules being promulgated by the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) that require approval by the GIB.

On November 30, 2016, the GIB approved Clearinghouse Rule #16-034. The objective of this rule is to make technical updates to existing ETF rules, delete obsolete language in ETF rules, create consistency with provisions in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, and make other minor substantive changes. The changes include modifying the eligibility requirements for Income Continuation Insurance for employees of local units of government to make the requirements consistent with changes made in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 for state employees; and making minor changes to the definition of "dependent" for purposes of life insurance offered to state employees.

The Governor approved the Final Draft Report of the rule on December 28, 2016, and it was delivered to the Assembly and Senate for legislative review. On January 10, 2017, the rule was referred to the Assembly Committee on State Affairs, and on January 11, 2017, it was referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform. If the committees take no action on the rule within 30 days of referral, it will be referred to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules for further review.

Staff will be available at the Board meeting to answer questions.

Reviewed and approved by Robert J. Conlin, Secretary

Electronically Signed 1/26/17

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