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To: Group Insurance Board
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Subject: Administrative Rules Update

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

Periodically, the Office of Legal Services provides a memo 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. At this time, there are no such rules being promulgated. But there is one rule being promulgated that will require approval by the retirement boards that may be of interest, since the Long-Term Disability Insurance Program (LTDI) previously was overseen by the GIB.

Disability Benefit Programs Redesign (SS 017-19)

ETF is proposing technical updates to regulations for LTDI. These updates will reflect the closure of the program to new claims, which took effect on January 1, 2018. The closure of LTDI is part of ETF's effort to streamline the disability programs it offers and corresponds with the reopening of the disability annuity program under Wis. Stat. § 40.63. Currently, Chapter ETF 50 of the code includes language that is no longer necessary, now that the program is closed to new applications. A statement of scope (SS 017-19) was approved by the Governor on January 30, 2019 and by Secretary Conlin on March 22, 2019. ETF is now in the process of drafting the rule.

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

Reviewed and approved by Robert J. Conlin, Secretary

Electronically Signed 4/23/19

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