## Correspondence Memorandum

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

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Subject: Administrative Rules Update

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 of one or more of the Boards.

## CR 17-031: Closure of LTDI Program

On June 22, 2017, the boards approved an administrative rule that closes the LongTerm Disability Insurance program (LTDI) to new applicants and re-opens the Wis. Stat. §40.63 Disability Annuity Program to all eligible employees, effective January 1, 2018. The closure is part of the department's initiative to redesign the various disability programs to eliminate program duplication, reduce costs, reduce confusion, and make the most efficient use of program resources.

The Governor approved the Final Draft Report of the rule on August 9, 2017. It was then sent to the Legislature where it passed through standing committees in each house after a 30-day passive review. Next, it went to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules, where it also passed on passive review. The rule will be submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau in December and will take effect on January 1, 2018.

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


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