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Bill to Eliminate Healthcare Golden Parachute for Legislators Moves Forward

Legislation that would remove the ability for legislators to accrue sick leave receives public hearing

Madison- Today, Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) released the following statement regarding the upcoming public hearing for a bill (Senate Bill 183) that would eliminate the ability for state legislators to accrue unused sick leave which can be used to pay for health insurance premiums upon retirement:

“Eliminating this costly and unnecessary post-retirement political perk has been one of my top priorities since being elected to the State Assembly. After a close review of our state’s sick leave conversion credit program, I found that sick leave for legislators has become almost entirely a post-retirement benefit, and one that could end up costing taxpayers millions of dollars. I am encouraged to see this bill move forward and will continue to be an outspoken advocate for the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars,” said Rep. Steffen.

As of March 31, 2015 the estimated value of total sick leave credits for all 132 legislators was \$2,411,600 and the available balance to retired legislators was approximately \$3.5 million at the close of 2014. The legislation Rep. Steffen authored will eliminate the accrual of any new sick leave beyond a legislator’s current term.

Public Hearing Senate Bill 183:

What: Public Hearing: Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection

When: Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 1:30PM

Where: Room 330 Southwest, Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison

Who: State Rep. David Steffen will provide verbal and written testimony in support of SB 183

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