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### **Rep. Born Votes for Amended Shared Revenue Bill**

*Amended Assembly Bill 245 passes State Assembly and Senate, Goes to Governor Evers*

**Madison** – Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of an amended version of Assembly Bill (AB) 245, which will provide a historic increase in local government funding. Under the amended plan passed by the Assembly, local governments throughout the state will receive at least a 20% increase in state funding.

“This legislation will provide a historic increase in local government funding, while ensuring state aid to municipalities is sustainable for years to come,” Rep. Born said. “I am glad to have supported this bill, which will provide much-needed assistance to communities in my district.”

AB 245, passed as amended by the Assembly, reflects the agreement made between Legislative Republicans and Governor Evers last week. As part of this compromise, legislative leaders and the Governor agreed to \$1 billion in new state aid for schools, which was approved by the legislature’s budget-writing committee yesterday; a new baseline of 20% increase for all municipalities; allowing Milwaukee County and City to pass a sales tax with a two-thirds vote of the local governing board; and increased voucher amounts for the school choice program.

“This amendment shows the brighter side of government. It comes after hours of negotiations, with stakeholders from all parts of our state,” Rep. Born added. “It involves compromise and concessions from all sides to get to a place where we can come together and support a bipartisan bill that provides our communities additional resources to serve our residents.”

The amended version of Assembly Bill 245 also passed the Senate and now goes to Governor Evers for consideration. In addition, the Assembly passed legislation aimed at reducing housing costs during the floor session.

“We know building costs have risen in recent years, straining the budgets of individuals and families,” Rep. Born said. “I was proud to vote in favor of legislation that will strengthen our housing industry and work towards making housing more affordable in our state.”

The package includes bills to reduce regulation, support rehabilitation of main street housing, convert vacant commercial space to residential and increase next-generation workforce housing.

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