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Adoption Task Force Package Adopted by Assembly

MADISON, WI — This week, the Wisconsin State Assembly adopted the bipartisan package of bills recommended by the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption. State Representative Dave Murphy (R – Greenville), who served on the task force, is the lead author of a bill in the package designed to ensure that the appropriate information is regularly provided to foster parents by counties. The bipartisan Speaker's Task Force on Adoption held seven public hearings around the state where they heard from experts, parents, and families.

Rep. Murphy commented on the passage of the adoption bill package, stating, "It was incredibly moving to hear personal stories from constituents and folks across the state on how we can improve the way we address adoption in Wisconsin, especially in light of the opioid epidemic. I'm proud to have advanced bipartisan legislation to address these concerns. My primary focus was to improve the safety of children as quickly as possible, especially in situations involving drugs addiction. The package we adopted will improve the safety of children, reduce bureaucracy, and lower costs associated with adoption."

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