Rep. Rob Brooks’ Education Transition Programs Receives Funding

Madison, WI—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) released the following statement after the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee (JFC) voted last evening to appropriate $100,000 for his special education transitional grant program. Known as the Better Bottom Line Initiative, the program offers incentives for schools to help place graduates with disabilities on a path to post-secondary education or a meaningful employment in their communities.

“Too often, individuals with disabilities graduate from high school right to the couch. Parents call this “the cliff”—after schooling ends, their children have not been given the tools they need to acclimate to the workforce. With the creation of this pay-for-performance program, we are taking an important step in helping to bridge the gap for these students between high school and a meaningful role in our communities. I am grateful to the members of the JFC for working with me to help provide this opportunity for some of our most vulnerable students.”

The budget is expected to go before the full Assembly for a vote in June.

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