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Rep. Billings Statement on Assembly Session

MADISON – Last night the Wisconsin State Assembly met to vote on Assembly Bill 245 (AB 245), Shared Revenue legislation, to change how local governments receive state aid funding. Rep. Billings issued the following statement following the session.

“Governor Evers put forward a robust local aid package in his Biennial Budget proposal,” said Rep. Billings. “This proposal would benefit all municipalities and would create a path forward for the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County to find financial solvency.”

“Unfortunately, the bill put forward by Assembly Republicans not only fails to adequately invest in medium-sized cities like La Crosse, but also includes numerous policy changes which have nothing to do with aid to local governments,” stated Rep. Billings. “The Legislature has continued to place mandates on local government while limiting state aid and prohibiting them from raising additional revenue. The bottom line is that our municipalities provide vital public services in our state and our medium-sized cities, like La Crosse are the economic engines of every region of our state. We need to support these local governments to ensure we have a prosperous state and thriving communities.”

“While I am glad that Republican leaders have engaged in a dialogue with Governor Evers on this issue and this bill, it is clear that AB 245 does not get the job done and we can do better.” said Rep. Billings. “I’m certain that we could get to a compromise where most people could support the bill, but as it stands, AB 245 isn’t ready, it’s half-baked. Our communities and our constituents deserve better. As always, I am ready to work across the aisle to find a bi-partisan solution that helps all communities in the State of Wisconsin. ”

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