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Van Roy says Assembly will Focus Three Bills on Sex Offenders of Children

Madison... State Representative Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is moving his agenda of protecting kids forward. Three bills targeting sexual offenders are scheduled for debate on the Assembly floor Tuesday including Wisconsin's version of Jessica's law.

"The sexual assault of a child devastates not only the family of the victim but the whole community," said Van Roy. "We are bringing forth Jessica's Law and the rest of our agenda to protect our children from sexual predators."

Van Roy, one of the lead authors of two of the bills, AB-666 and AB-784, says the he will vote in favor of all three. AB-666 will require persons convicted of certain sex offenses to serve their full sentences. It would prevent the sex offender from being released early for "good behavior." AB-784 is based on Florida's Jessica's Law. The bill will mandate that sexual predators who commit a 1st degree sexual assault of a child serve 25 years to life. The final bill, AB-47 will remove the statute of limitations on cases involving 1st degree sexual assault of a child.

"These bills are the direct result of our constituents demanding action on an issue that threatens the children in our communities," said Van Roy. "Those who prey on children cannot be allowed to return to our communities with a slap on the wrist. We need to send a strong message that if you prey on a child then you're going to be locked away for a long time."

Van Roy added that this legislation couldn't be timelier for his constituents on the west side of Green Bay after last week's announcement that convicted sexual offender, John Phillips was being released to the neighborhood near St. Mary's. His release comes after spending less than a year in prison for four child pornography convictions on top of a prior conviction of sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl.

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections along with area police will hold an informational meeting about the release of sex offenders at 6:00 pm, Nov. 16 in the Brown County Central Auditorium. Van Roy encourages his constituents with concerns about sex offenders to attend.

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