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Joint Finance Supports Rep. Rodriguez’s Budget Motions

MADISON, Wis. – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Franklin) applauded action by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) yesterday after they voted to adopt her budget motions that provided funding for children with behavior and emotional problems and a second initiative to support community-based literacy in Wisconsin.

“The first motion allows Penfield Children’s Center to continue to compete for grant funding from the Department of Children and Families’ Brighter Futures Initiative,” said Rodriguez. “The Behavior Clinic, which is a partnership between Penfield and the Marquette University College of Education, was founded in 2003 to serve children five years of age and younger with significant behavior and emotional problems.”

Rep. Rodriguez’s adult literacy motions add \$41,600 each year in adult literacy grants as well as allocate funding for GED testing and preparation for eligible individuals. Community-based literacy services in Wisconsin raise the skill level of adults looking to gain, maintain, or increase employment opportunities. The increased funding for GED testing addresses the growing demand for assistance in preparing for the new GED, which is computer-based and more rigorous than the previous test.

“I appreciate the efforts of JFC yesterday, and am thankful they approved my motions,” said Rodriguez. “These two programs have proven to help improve the lives of children and families in our state.”

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