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Rep. Tittl Votes to Votes to Help Children and Families

MANITOWOC - Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) voted for several bills on Thursday to help Wisconsin's children and families.

One of the bills creates a new Silver Alert program that uses the Crime Alert Network to broadcast alerts for missing at-risk adults who may be in danger.

"The Amber Alert program in Wisconsin has been very effective for many years." said Rep. Tittl. "Having the Silver Alert will provide another tool for law enforcement and families dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's and dementia."

"Having a family member wander away can be a very horrific experience, "Tittl remarked, "As I know all too well from a situation that occurred in my own family."

The Assembly also passed legislation related to children being adopted a second time, often referred to as re-homing.

"This bill a little too close to home, because it is the direct result of a news article concerning the adoption and re-homing experience of a family from Kiel," Rep. Tittl said. (http://www.reuters.com/investigates/adoption/#article/part1).

The bill includes several important safeguards to protect adopted children. It also requests the joint legislative council to study adoption disruption and dissolution in Wisconsin and make further recommendations to the legislature.

Two other bills the Assembly passed relate to the testing of infants for congenital disorders and the evaluation of infants suspected to have fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

"These simple tests give parents early information about possible medical problems," Tittl said. "That's good for babies and good for parents, because parents will not only be alerted to the potential problems but also provided with resources for further diagnosis and treatment.

"The Assembly approved these bills with overwhelming bipartisan support, and I'm pleased that legislators from both sides of the aisle worked together on these bills to help our most vulnerable citizens," said Rep. Tittl.

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