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Fitzgerald: Senate Increases Treatment and Diversion Funding

[**Madison, WI**] During a lengthy Tuesday session, the Wisconsin Senate voted unanimously to advance Assembly Bill 657, a proposal which increases funding for state Treatment and Diversion (TAD) programs by \$2 million each fiscal year.

Senator Scott Fitzgerald, the bill's lead author in the Senate, released the following statement:

"I am thrilled that the Wisconsin Senate again provided resources to a common sense program that has been proven effective at treating substance abuse and curbing recidivism.

Unlike simply hiking monetary penalties and jail time, the TAD program targets Wisconsin's drunk driving problem at its root: treating alcohol and drug addiction to keep impaired drivers off of the road for good. This approach helps make our streets safer and our investment today will help to reduce corrections costs for Wisconsin's taxpayers in the long term.

I was proud to sponsor this legislation and look forward to seeing the continued results of this program."

The bill was approved unanimously by the Assembly in February and now goes to the Governor for his signature.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represent the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.

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