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## **Sen. Petrowski Bills Furthering Public Safety Pass State Senate**

**MADISON, WI...** Yesterday, two bills authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski (*R-Marathon*), passed with broad bi-partisan support on the floor of the Senate. These bills will make a positive impact on health and safety in the lives of Wisconsin citizens.

AB 545 requires schools to ensure that instruction in CPR and external defibrillators is provided to students in any health course offered to pupils during grades 7-12. The training can be completed in roughly 30 minutes and does not require schools to implement any new health education courses that they are not already providing. Similar legislation has already been passed in 27 other states.

“This bill passed the Assembly last week and yesterday the Senate followed suit in affirming the importance of this life-saving legislation,” said Senator Petrowski. “We worked very closely with the American Heart Association on the drafting of this bill and during its advancement through the legislative process to make sure that the final product was something that will make the impact we want to see while placing a minimal burden on schools. I have no doubt that the implementation of this measure will result in lives being saved.”

Under AB 615, courts will automatically forward Temporary Restraining Orders, among other orders, to law enforcement to execute service - removing the responsibility from the victim to deliver those documents themselves. Once service is accomplished, law enforcement may use the Wisconsin Statewide Victim Notification service (VINE) or another notification system administered by the Department of Corrections to provide notification to the victim of service.

“Under this bill we have created a less burdensome and confusing process for victims of domestic abuse, stalking and violence,” said Senator Petrowski. “By making just a few simple and long overdue changes to current law, we can provide a more efficient and effective process for individuals in potentially life or death situations.”

The bills now head to the Governor’s desk, where they are expected to be signed into law.

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