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SEN. JACQUE'S COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON FIGHTING PEDIATRIC CANCER

"Jaycee's Law" inspired by local family's fight for funding pediatric cancer research

MADISON, WI... In honor of Jaycee Rose Sunshine Vallier, an exceptionally brave girl from the Fox Valley who tragically passed away last year at the age of 8 after a valiant battle with pediatric brain cancer, the Senate Committee on Human Services, Children & Families will be holding an Informational Hearing Wednesday on "Jaycee's Law," State Sen. André Jacque (R-De Pere) announced today. Sen. Jacque drafted the legislation in collaboration with Jaycee's family and is both the bill's author and the committee chairman.

"Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease of American children, with 16,790 children per year diagnosed with cancer in the United States," said Sen. Jacque, Chairman of the Committee. "One in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, with an average age of diagnosis of 6. Unfortunately, less than 4% of cancer research funding from public sources is allocated to pediatric cancer research, where some of the greatest impact can be realized."

Sen. Jacque said Jaycee's Law ([Senate Bill 1101](#)), modeled after an initiative adopted last year in Pennsylvania, would help defeat childhood cancer by creating a tax credit to provide an additional funding stream for pediatric cancer research in Wisconsin, up to a maximum of \$2.5 million per year.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Senate Committee on Human Services, Children and Families

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

10:00 AM

201 Southeast

Wisconsin State Capitol

Testimony will be heard from invited speakers, including:

- Sen. André Jacque: Author of Jaycee's Law
- Family of Jaycee Rose Sunshine Vallier: Parents Curtis & Trish, sisters Anneliesa & Miley
- Dr. Kenneth B. DeSantes: Chair, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Division of Pediatric Hematology, and Oncology
- Dr. Kathy A. Lee-Miller: Faculty, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Division of Pediatric Hematology, and Oncology
- Dr. Gustavo Leone: Director, Medical College of Wisconsin's Cancer Center

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin's First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.