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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is truly an honor for me to serve you in the Wisconsin State Senate. I wanted to update you on several of the bills I introduced on your behalf that were recently acted on by the Governor, or on the way to his desk. So far, nearly twenty of my bills have been signed into law this session. These common-sense initiatives aim to empower the most vulnerable members of our society, strengthen healthcare and law enforcement, and support our community.

As always, my top priority is making state government work better for my constituents here in Northeast Wisconsin. Please feel free to contact me about these issues, or for help accessing state government. Together, we will continue to move Wisconsin forward in 2022!

Sincerely,

André Jacque  
State Senator

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## Getting Results for Northeast Wisconsin

BI-PARTISAN LAWS  
AUTHORED BY  
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### Empowering the Most Vulnerable Among Us

#### Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)

This initiative (Senate Bill 158) directs state officials to draw up plans for tax-exempt savings accounts (similar to 529 college savings accounts) that can help cover the cost of services those with physical and cognitive challenges need to live full, independent lives.

#### Investigating Abuse of Adults at Risk

This new law (Senate Bill 395) makes investigations of reports of abuse to adults with disabilities (ages 18-59) mandatory, like reports of elder abuse (age 60 and over).

#### Guardianship Training

The most vulnerable members of our society will receive stronger protections under a measure (Senate Bill 92) requiring training for guardians of incapacitated adults, an initiative supported by state disability rights groups. This new law will help ensure safe, fulfilling lives for the defenseless ones among us.

#### Increasing Access to Mental Healthcare

To address a devastating shortage of mental health professionals across the state, this bipartisan legislation (Assembly Bill 537) joined Wisconsin to 27 other states that have enacted the Psychology Inter-jurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to allow practice across state lines, including Illinois and Minnesota.



### Protecting the Environment

#### Sen. Jacque Helps Steer \$2 Million to Peninsula State Park

I also serve on the Wisconsin State Building Commission, which recently approved over \$2 million for upgrades to Peninsula State Park in Door County. These improvements will enhance access to the environmental features at the park and hopefully foster continued recovery of the tourism sector, which is so vital to our area economy.

#### Clean Beaches, Clear Ports

Officials from coastal communities throughout our state supported this DNR regulatory reform (Assembly Bill 99) to promote beach nourishment and clearing of Great Lakes ports and supply chains, allowing clean beach sand dredged from offshore to be reused while saving money for local taxpayers from the otherwise substantial costs of transportation and landfilling of this valuable resource.

## Family-Supporting Jobs

### Apprenticeship Education

In 2019, manufacturing workers averaged \$74,252 in compensation, according to the National Association of Manufacturers. Unfortunately, the Governor blocked a path for workers to afford training for these family-supporting jobs by vetoing my bipartisan "Workforce and Education Fairness Act" (Senate Bill 125) that was supported by the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association and Wisconsin Economic Development Association to extend the tax deduction for postsecondary tuition to apprenticeship instruction.

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## Sen. Jacque's Bills on the Governor's Desk

### Expanding Availability of Healthcare

#### "Heroes for Healthcare"

Under my bi-partisan "Heroes for Healthcare" initiative, veterans who recently served in a military medical assignment may use the skills they've already learned under supervision while they seek additional education and credentials. The bill (Assembly Bill 720) is modeled after a program in Virginia that has deployed hundreds of skilled veterans to the medical work force and helped relieve pressure on the healthcare system.

**UPDATE:  
JUST SIGNED  
INTO LAW!**



#### Saving More Lives with Dillon's Law 2.0

I have continued to work with George and Angel Mueller of Mishicot since authoring Dillon's Law in 2017 to expand the availability of epinephrine auto-injectors for individuals having a life-threatening allergic reaction. Several states have followed our lead, and many lives have been saved as a result of the training it made available. Dillon's Law 2.0 is a needed expansion of the original 2018 Dillon's Law that will make saving lives even easier.

This new proposal is supported by numerous healthcare groups and expands the original Dillon's Law with ease of use modifications requested by epinephrine administration trainers, including the Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.



### Keeping Our Communities Safe

#### Sen. Jacque's Public Safety Package

Seven bills in my Public Safety Package are on the way to the Governor's desk: Assembly Bills 777, 831, 832, and 836 direct federal funding to put more police officers on the street; and Assembly Bill 842 excludes all violent crimes, such as child trafficking and abuse, arson, and armed burglary, from eligibility for early release. **THIS JUST IN:** Senate Bill 219, allowing virtual court proceedings - and swifter justice for victims - and Senate Bill 100, protecting state corrections agents and their families, were recently signed into law!



The bills in this package are designed to strengthen the legal safeguards we rely on to keep us safe, at a time when Wisconsin is seeing a significant increase in crime, with homicides doubling in Green Bay and Madison.