



DAVID STEFFEN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 4TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 8, 2015

CONTACT: Rep. David Steffen
(608) 266-5840

Bill to Eliminate Sick Leave Perk for Legislators Moves Forward

Legislation would eliminate ability for legislators to accumulate unused sick leave

Madison- Today, Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) issued the following statement in response to the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection's passage of SB 183, a bill that would eliminate the ability for legislators to accumulate unused sick leave which can then be used to pay for health insurance premiums upon retirement:

"I am very encouraged to see this bill continue to move forward. This is an important measure in continuing to promote transparency and financial responsibility in our state government. This sick leave conversion credit program has grown into an expensive and unnecessary post-retirement perk that should, in the best interest of our taxpayers, be eliminated," said Rep. Steffen.

The Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection passed the bill by a vote of four in favor and one opposed. The bill is now available to be scheduled for a vote by the full Senate.

###