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**Republican Child Care Proposals Leave Working Families and Children Behind**

MADISON - Today, Assembly Republicans passed a series of bills (AB 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392) relating to the childcare crisis in Wisconsin.

**Representative Madison (D-10) issued the following statement:**

“The proposals passed today are woefully inadequate approaches to solving the child care crisis in Wisconsin. They are a slap in the face to our childcare workers, providers, working families, and nearly 300,000 children who may need child care.”

“The National Association for the Education of Young Children Survey found that 80% of childcare workers face burnout and exhaustion. AB 390 would subject 16-year-olds to these struggles by allowing them to work as assistant childcare teachers. Deregulation and child labor will not solve our childcare crisis.”

“We must make a bold investment in our next generation of leaders. Every dollar that we invest in childcare results in \$16-17 of projected savings through improved education performance, reduced correctional expenses, and greater workforce participation. That doesn’t even include the net savings from mental health services and the future economic growth that would be created by a well-developed generation of leaders in our state. Fully funding the Child Care Counts program is the best path for Wisconsin children, their families, and childcare providers and workers.”

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