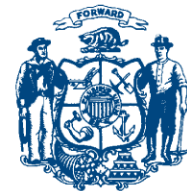




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Rep. Goyke Supports Governor Evers' Call for Juvenile Justice Reform

Following unanimous passage of 2017 Act 185, Governor Evers calls for additional State investment

MADISON - Following today's announcement by Governor Tony Evers that his budget proposal will include returning 17 year old offenders to juvenile court and an initiative for the closure of Lincoln Hills, State Representative Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement:

"I proudly support the budget initiatives announced today by the Governor for further investment in our juvenile justice system. I thank him for his commitment."

"17 year olds are not adults and shouldn't be in the adult criminal justice and adult prison systems. Wisconsin is an outlier. Only 4 states, including Wisconsin, continue this outdated practice (with Missouri passing bipartisan legislation to return 17 year olds to juvenile jurisdiction in 2018)."

"Now is the perfect moment to make this change. With the unanimous passage of 2017 Act 185 last session, Wisconsin is adopting a new model of juvenile corrections and the overdue return of 17 year olds to the juvenile system is complimentary to the reforms begun last session."

"The Wisconsin Model' for juvenile corrections will succeed. Lincoln Hills will close without question and we must do everything we can to ensure this transition is done correctly. Wisconsin's youth and their families are counting on us."

"The Governor's directive brings greater expertise and State investment to ensure new facilities are completed with evidence-based programming and structural design in place. I will continue to work alongside a bi-partisan group of legislators to ensure full implementation of 'The Wisconsin Model' will be successful."

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