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Rodriguez Supports Adoption Bills

MADISON – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) joined her Assembly Republican colleagues in supporting eight bills aimed at improving the adoption process on Wednesday. The legislative package was recommended by the Speaker’s Task Force on Adoption, a bipartisan group of lawmakers that were appointed in May 2019.

“As the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Family Law, I have heard many of the struggles biological and adoptive parents have faced over the years,” said Rodriguez. “This package of legislation will help further our efforts to help the children of our state find permanency, which is our ultimate goal.”

The Speaker’s Task Force on Adoption was tasked with identifying ways to reduce costs associated with adoption, as well as ways to help children find safe and loving homes. The committee held seven hearings around the state. The members heard from experts and families who spoke about the difficulties they face with the current adoption process, and recommended ways to improve it.

The recommendations from the committee make important reforms in our state, including legislation that will allow for open adoptions for children in the foster care system and a bill that will expand eligibility for adoption assistance.

“I’m proud to see this package of bills pass the Assembly today. It’s important that we continue to make reforms that will help at-risk children in our state.”

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