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Improving Public Safety

MADISON – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) joined her Assembly Republican colleagues in supporting a package of bills aimed at improving public safety across the state. “I’d like to highlight two of the bills from today’s Floor Session,” began Rep. Rodriguez.

“Over the past few years, reckless driving has become a crisis in Milwaukee County. In 2024 alone, 94 people lost their lives in traffic crashes, and here we are, just a few months into 2025, with eight more lives already cut short. We need to do more to stop reckless drivers from continuing to endanger our communities,” stated Rodriguez.

2025 Assembly Bill 78 ([AB 78](#)) will allow local law enforcement to impound vehicles used in reckless driving offenses, regardless of if the driver owns the vehicle or if the driver has outstanding fines. “Right now, as long as a reckless driver pays their fines or isn’t the registered owner of the vehicle, they can just keep driving. That is not a real deterrent. That’s a loophole that lets repeat offenders continue to put lives at risk. This bill fixes these issues and allows local law enforcement to impound *any* reckless driver’s vehicle. Additionally, the bill ensures those whose vehicles were stolen and impounded during a reckless driving incident no longer need to pay impoundment fines,” continued Rep. Rodriguez.

Last session, Rep. Rodriguez co-authored [2023 Act 12](#), which included a provision requiring Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to reintegrate at least 25 school resource officers (SROs) into MPS schools with the greatest need. Act 12 became state law on June 21, 2023, and required the SROs start by January 1, 2024. However, MPS has yet to integrate these officers into the schools due to disagreements over who should fund the officers. “Today we passed 2025 Assembly Bill 91 ([AB 91](#)) which requires the City of Milwaukee and MPS to equally share the costs of these SROs. These officers were supposed to be in schools by January 1st of last year. It’s time we get these officers in schools,” Rodriguez explained.

Having passed in the Assembly, this package of bills will now go to the State Senate for consideration.

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