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## Rep. Callahan Introduces “Stronger Workforce Initiative” Bill Package

[Madison, WI] – Tuesday morning, State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) introduced a new package of legislation known as the *Stronger Workforce Initiative* along with several of his legislative Republican colleagues. These proposals are being introduced to assist with the ongoing employment crisis throughout the state.

“The 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, like much of Wisconsin, is filled with small businesses holding up ‘Help Wanted’ signs in their windows,” stated Rep. Callahan. We have so many vacant jobs here at home and throughout the state, but there is also a large number of able-bodied workers available. In order to fill these jobs, we have to remove the government-created barriers between them.”

The package includes legislation that promotes re-employment, protects the safety net programs, eliminates fraud, and more. The specific legislation introduced by Rep. Callahan as part of this proposal, [LRB-5788/LRB-4262](#), prohibits able-bodied individuals without children from turning down job opportunities for the sole reason of continuing eligibility of Medical Assistance.

“Medical Assistance, like all government welfare programs, was never intended to be a permanent health care source for able-bodied individuals without children who can work full-time jobs,” continued Rep. Callahan. “I’ve heard stories of individuals turning down job offers and raises, just so they can stay on Medical Assistance, even though the employer would be offering another health plan. I hope to see this important proposal and the rest of the package move through the legislative process soon, and get more workers employed throughout the state.”

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*The 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.*