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Historic Workforce Package Passes Assembly

Rep. Callahan proud to support workforce development initiatives in the proposal

[Madison, WI] – State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) and his Assembly Republican colleagues convened in Special Session yesterday afternoon to pass a historic workforce package for Wisconsin. The bill passed by Republicans includes continued investments in childcare, tax relief, worker training grants, and welfare reform. Under this legislation, a family earning an average income with two children in high-cost child care could receive nearly \$6,000 in total tax benefits.

“This bill restores the middle class tax cut that Governor Evers vetoed earlier this year,” explained Rep. Callahan. “Folks often tell me how high their taxes have climbed and ask me to do what I can to lower this burden. This legislation does just that and helps our state compete for workers.”

Additionally, the bill lowers barriers to employment in the state. Wisconsin would enter into licensure compacts agreements for social workers and physicians’ assistants. Along the lines of employment, unemployment insurance recipients would be obligated to fulfill work search requirements, something that 80% of Wisconsinites support.

“My Republican colleagues and I are proud of how this bill will help address the state’s workforce shortage,” continued Rep. Callahan. “Since I’ve been in the Assembly, and even before then, my caucus has had a strong record on the issues of lowering the tax burden and workforce development. This legislation we passed is a continuation of that record, and I urge the governor to sign this bill.”

[Special Session Senate Bill 1](#) now heads to the governor for his consideration.

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