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Rep. Callahan Urges State Senate to Pass School Safety Legislation

AB 542 passed the Assembly and awaits a vote in the Senate

[Madison, WI] – Today, State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) urged his colleagues in the Wisconsin State Senate to take action on Assembly Bill (AB) 542 and send it to the governor’s desk without delay.

“My Assembly colleagues and I recently passed AB 542 in overwhelming, bipartisan fashion,” Rep. Callahan said. “I am disappointed that a select few senators are holding up this important legislation that will keep children safe in school. I urge them to take action and move this bill forward.”

AB 542 provides funding for grants for school districts to purchase new technology that helps proactively detect weapons. School districts must apply for grants in conjunction with local law enforcement.

“We’ve heard far too many stories of school shootings across the country, including in Antigo,” Rep. Callahan stated. “There is technology available today that can provide enhanced warning about danger in schools. I am proud that this legislation will help get that technology to our schools and protect our kids.”

AB 542 was referred to the Senate Committee on Education, where it awaits their consideration, followed by a vote of the full Senate before being sent to the governor’s desk.

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