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Rep. Born Votes to Support Public Safety

Madison, WI--The Joint Committee on Finance (JFC), the state's budget-writing committee, met on Tuesday to take up several agencies pertaining to public safety in Wisconsin including the Department of Corrections, District Attorneys, and the State Public Defenders Office. Following the vote, Representative Mark Born, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance made the following statement:

“Our action today is a significant investment in public safety in Wisconsin, including right here in the 37th Assembly District. We added an additional 42 assistant district attorneys statewide, four of which would be assigned to Fond du Lac County. These new assistant district attorney positions will help us achieve about 80% staffing in all counties in Wisconsin. These positions, in addition to the ones created in the state public defenders office, will help ensure swift justice for those in our state.

“In addition to these important investments in our criminal justice system, the committee voted on several items in the Department of Corrections budget that will improve the safety of our staff and inmates in Wisconsin. Having served as a third-shift correctional officer in the Dodge County jail, I know first-hand how critical it is to have appropriate staffing to provide medical care at all hours of the day. Our action yesterday provided funding for healthcare staff at Fox Lake Correctional Institution (FLCI), which will result in the availability of 24/7 medical staff at the facility.

“We also voted to continue funding for the significant wage increases and related overtime costs that were approved last budget for correctional officers in our state. These wage increases have proven to be successful in reducing vacancies in our prisons, which improves safety for our staff, the inmates, and the general public. I am proud of these investments that will continue to make our state a safer place to live, work and raise a family.”

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