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Rep. Born Votes to get Wisconsin Back to Work

Madison, WI – Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of legislation which ends Wisconsin's participation in federal unemployment compensation enhancement programs. The bill aims to encourage unemployed individuals to return-to-work as Wisconsin businesses struggle to find employees during the statewide worker shortage.

"Wisconsin's economy is open again after more than a year of government-mandated shutdowns and restrictions, and businesses across the state are finding it nearly impossible to find enough workers to fill job openings," said Rep. Born. "It is critical that we pass this bill now, to get Wisconsin back-to-work and make sure everyone who is able is participating in the workforce."

The bill approved by the Assembly ends Wisconsin's participation in several federal unemployment compensation enhancement programs. The federal enhancers are set to expire on September 6, 2021 and 25 other states have already opted out of them. Under the bill, Wisconsin's participation would be ended in the following federal programs:

- Pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) program
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment compensation (PEUC) program
- Federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) program
- Mixed earner unemployment compensation (MEUC) program

"I cannot go anywhere in my district without seeing a help wanted sign," said Rep. Born. "Employers across the state are literally begging for workers with many unable to even find people to apply. These employers shouldn't have to be competing against the government to attract workers. We need to end these additional federal benefits now and get Wisconsin back to work so we can keep moving our economy forward."

If the bill is signed by the Governor, Wisconsin's unemployment compensation program will return to pre-pandemic operations and will still provide the previous safety net for those who truly need it.

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