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Assembly Passes Legislation to Fight Human Trafficking

MADISON, WI – Yesterday, the Assembly passed a package of legislation from the Speaker’s Task Force on Human Trafficking. Rep. Plumer was a member of the task force that met over the course of the last 6 months.

“Human trafficking is a scourge that unfortunately exists in every corner of our nation and our state, and we must continue fighting against it,” said Rep. Plumer. “I was honored to be included as a member of the Speaker’s Task Force on Human Trafficking. Thank you to all of the individuals and groups who testified and helped craft the important legislation that passed yesterday. These bills will help prevent human trafficking, support survivors, and hold individuals who commit these crimes accountable.”

The package of bills from the Speaker’s Task Force on Human Trafficking that passed the Assembly include:

- **AB 970** – adds “keeping a place of prostitution” to the list of offense that require sex-offender registration
- **AB 972** – increases the criminal penalty for soliciting a prostitute
- **AB 973** – mandatory training on identifying and preventing human trafficking for various industries
- **AB 974** – expands ability for victims of child sex-trafficking to file civil lawsuits against the perpetrators
- **AB 976** – strengthens existing protections for child victims and witnesses when testifying in court
- **AB 977** – requires age-appropriate instruction on combatting human-trafficking in grades 7-12
- **AB 978** – creates a Human Trafficking Council to effectively allocate resources
- **AB 979** – \$2.5 million in grant funding to assist anti-trafficking non-profit organizations
- **AB 981** – creates training material to help schools of barbering and cosmetology identify and report human trafficking

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