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Rep. Green Votes to Tackle the Fentanyl Crisis

Madison – Representative Chanz Green (R-Grand View) voted in favor of <u>Senate Bill 101</u> in the Assembly today relating to first-degree reckless homicide and providing a penalty. This bill is one part of tackling the rising fentanyl crisis that is happening here in Wisconsin.

"The rise of fentanyl overdoses in the United States, especially here in Wisconsin, is becoming all too common," said Rep. Green. "Sitting on the committee of criminal justice and public safety in the Assembly, there were too many stories of parents speaking about how their child died due to fentanyl overdosing."

Senate Bill 101 would raise the penalty from a Class C felony to a Class B felony for someone who causes the death of another human being by the manufacture, distribution, or delivery of, or by administering or assisting in administering, certain Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances.

According to the <u>Wisconsin Department of Health Services</u>, fentanyl overdose deaths in Wisconsin grew by 97 percent from 2019 (651) to 2021 (1,280).

"This past April, the <u>Ashland County Sheriff's Office</u> found 34 grams of fentanyl at a residence while executing a narcotics search warrant," said Rep. Green. "This being in my district is worrisome. That is why I voted in favor of this bill, which will save lives and prevent overdoses."

Rep. Green also voted in favor of AB 109, which requires one-half credit of personal financial literacy for high school graduation, and a package of bills that will reform the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services licensing requirements.

Constituents can contact the office by emailing <u>Rep.Green@legis.wisconsin.gov</u> or by calling (608) 237-9174. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns.

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