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Rep. Considine Statement on Correctional Officer Pay Increase

Madison – Recently the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) announced a pilot program which raises the hourly wage of security officers at six of the DOC institutions. This program allows eligible employees to receive a \$5.00/hour add-on for their worked hours and will continue until June 20, 2020. Columbia Correctional Institution, located in the 81st Assembly District, is one of the six institutions in the pilot program. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement regarding the increase:

“By creating this add-on program, Secretary-designee Carr has made an important step to address staff vacancy at DOC institutions,” said Rep. Considine. “Staff vacancy rates are high despite the heavy recruitment efforts made by department employees. I believe that this pilot program is a meaningful way to increase staff retention and recruitment and I am glad that Secretary-designee Carr is working on this issue.”

“This pilot program is necessary in order to ensure quality of life and an environment that truly values the correctional officers and inmates. Governor Evers’ budget also includes important reforms on pay progression within DOC, which would make the positions more competitive and sustainable for workers. It is my hope that Secretary-designee Carr’s recent actions convey the necessity of action on this issue, and that the legislature passes The People’s Budget in order to fund these provisions throughout Wisconsin’s DOC institutions.”

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