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Edming Votes to Encourage Good Health and a Drug-Free Workforce

Madison – Representative James W. Edming (R-Glen Flora) voted to improve Wisconsin’s FoodShare (food stamp) program to encourage better nutrition and health. Under [Assembly Bill 177](#), recipients must make healthier selections with their taxpayer-funded benefits.

“This bill ensures that families are receiving proper nutrition,” said Rep. Edming.

The legislation requires two-thirds of FoodShare benefits to be spent on foods included in the women, infants, and children (WIC) standards, a federal supplemental nutrition program. Additionally, beef, pork, poultry, fish, potatoes, fresh produce, dairy, and cranberry products can be purchased.

“It is not uncommon for taxpayer money to be spent on food that has no nutritional value,” said Rep. Edming. “I look forward to seeing this essential reform become a reality.”

Additionally, Rep. Edming voted for two bills that help individuals fight substance abuse and become ready for the workforce. Both [Assembly Bill 191](#) and [Assembly Bill 192](#) allow for screening of recipients of unemployment insurance benefits or those on government job training programs within FoodShare and Transitional Jobs.

If there is a reasonable suspicion of illegal drug use, the person would undergo a drug test. Those individuals who test positive would receive treatment to assist them in becoming employable within the state.

“Currently, there are thousands of available jobs that are not being filled,” said Rep. Edming. “These two bills provide funding and treatment for people who need help and place them on the track to employment.”

These three public benefit reform bills passed the State Assembly and will now move to the State Senate.

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