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All Children Need a Home for the Holidays

In today's society, adopting a child is a life changing event that can often require a lot of time, money, and determination. In an ideal world, every child would have a loving home and those who wish to foster or adopt could do so within a small amount of time. However, there are a lot of different hoops to jump through to be able to successfully adopt.

There was recently a bipartisan package of bills brought forth by the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption that was voted out of the Assembly Committee on Family Law on December 17th and they may now be scheduled on the Assembly floor to be voted on by the full body. These bills are not the end all, be all but are a step in the right direction for our adoption processes and services.

Additionally, there was a public hearing held in the Assembly Committee on Family Law following the vote on the adoption bills to hear the public's thoughts on a bill concerning marriage license application requirements. A bill brought forward by one of my colleagues hopes to simplify the process of obtaining a marriage license along with what documents may be required.

On the 18th, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families held a public hearing in regard to the next steps Wisconsin needs to take in order to fund a qualified residential treatment program for children and youth (QRTP). It is a simple bill that provides the Department of Children and Families the ability to receive their federal funding.

I look forward to the upcoming weeks in Madison as we continue to hold public hearings and executive sessions in the committees that I serve you on. There have been many important initiatives presented by my colleagues and me. We are committed to bettering the lives of Wisconsinites statewide while also focusing on rural issues as well as urban.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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