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**REPRESENTATIVE DOYLE APPLAUDS SIGNING OF SUICIDE PREVENTION BILLS DERIVED  
FROM TASK FORCE DOYLE LED**

Today Governor Evers signed five bills that were proposed by the Legislative Counsel Study Committee on Uniform Death Reporting. This committee was suggested by the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. Rep. Doyle served on the Study Committee and was the Vice-Chair of the Task Force. Rep. Doyle had the following to say:

“The first step to solving a problem is understanding the problem. Wisconsin faces a crisis when it comes to suicide, and I'm incredibly proud that these bipartisan proposals I worked on will become law. The better we understand the issue, the better solutions we are able to come up with.

During the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention we learned that a significant gap in our suicide prevention work is the lack of data and the lack of uniformity of that data when it comes to death records. Wisconsin has both medical examiners and county coroners, and each county has different procedures for completing a death certificate.

The five proposals that our study committee put forth will allow for additional fields on death records so we know things like the occupation of the deceased. They will create a recommended training regimen and require the use of electronic systems so that data is more readily available to those looking to study this issue, and so much more.

Suicide is a crisis in our state, and the first step to solving this crisis is understanding it. I'm proud of the work I've done to get these bipartisan proposals over the line and into the statute books. These bills will lead to improved suggestions for legislation next session to continue to work to eliminate this problem. I'm excited to work on those bills in the future.”

SB 173 - providing additional information fields regarding occupation on death records

SB 174 - requiring use of the electronic system of vital records for medical certifications of death.

SB 175 - recommended training for persons who complete and sign medical certifications of death.

SB 176 - requiring the Department of Health Services to establish and encourage best practices for coroners and medical examiners.

SB 178 - requiring notification to the medical examiner or coroner of any death that occurs within 24 hours of presentment at or admission to certain facilities.

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