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Rep. Billings Statement on Assembly Session: Shared Revenue Compromise

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly met to vote on an amended version of Assembly Bill 245 (AB 245), Shared Revenue legislation, regarding state aid funding to local governments. Rep. Billings issued the following statement following the session.

"Governor Evers originally put forward a robust local aid package in his Biennial Budget proposal, which would adequately fund and assist our communities across the state," said Rep. Billings. "That proposal would benefit communities across the board and would keep the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County financially stable."

"The initial bill put forward by Assembly Republicans failed to adequately fund medium-sized cities like La Crosse. From the beginning I advocated strongly for a compromise bill to provide necessary funding to our local governments. Through negotiation, the bill that passed today substantially increased the amount to cities and local governments of all sizes," stated Rep. Billings. "The bottom line is that our municipalities provide vital public services in our state and our medium-sized cities, like La Crosse, are the economic engines of every region of our state. We need to support our local governments to ensure we have a prosperous state and thriving communities."

"Like every compromise, AB 245 is not perfect." said Rep. Billings. "However, this bill reflects the reality of divided government, and I'm glad that Governor Evers, Democrats, and Republicans, continued to negotiate for changes to help communities across the state and to provide a path forward for Milwaukee. As always, I am ready to work across the aisle to find bipartisan solutions for issues impacting communities in the State of Wisconsin."

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