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Assembly Approves Child Care Reforms and Iowa-Style Nonpartisan Redistricting

Assembly Republicans on Thursday approved a package of bills designed to make child care more affordable for families and child care providers. The Assembly also approved a nonpartisan redistricting plan almost identical to Iowa.

The multi-pronged child care package modifies teacher-child ratios to be more in line with neighboring states. One of the bills would permit families across Wisconsin to use tax-advantaged savings accounts to pay for childcare. That bill was modeled after Flex Savings Accounts offered to state employees.

“These bills go a long way to solving child care staffing problems while keeping kids safe,” said Rep. Cindi Duchow (R-Delafield). “We’re empowering families and providers to make choices that best suit their families and businesses. Throwing taxpayer money at a problem and wishing it away is no way to govern.”

Assembly Republicans also approved Iowa-style, nonpartisan redistricting model that legislative Democrats have been requesting for years.

“Wisconsin voters want a less confrontational process like ‘the Iowa Model’ for state legislative mapmaking,” said Rep. Duchow. “Regardless of political affiliation, we can come together and agree that it is right for Wisconsin.”

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Rep. Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District, which includes the villages of Lac La Belle, Chenequa, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Wales, and portions of the village of Summit; the towns of Delafield, Merton, Oconomowoc, and portions of the town of Lisbon; and the City of Delafield.