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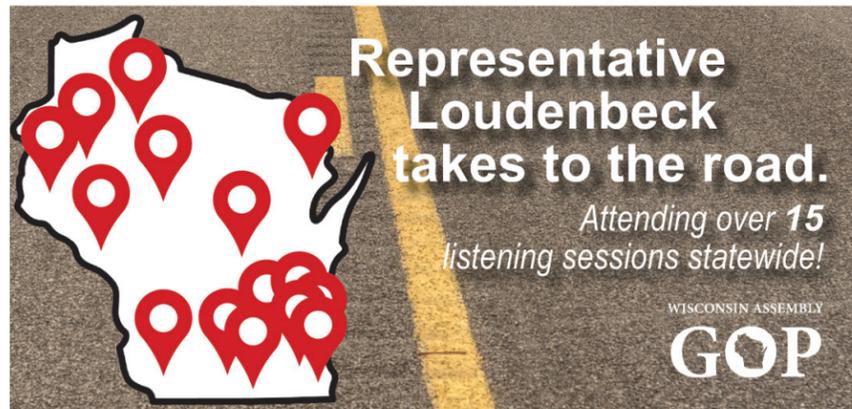
Teens who work are better prepared for life after high school. **To make the process of getting a job easier, Rep. Loudenbeck authored 2017 ACT 11, the Teen Employment Act, which eliminated the work permit requirement for 16 and 17 year old teens.** 2017 Act 11 removed one of the barriers to employment that unaccompanied and homeless teens face and eliminated an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy for all teens. Rep. Loudenbeck believes strongly that this law will help teens obtain legal, gainful employment and work experience and reduce their risk for negative outcomes.

Recent studies have shown that runaway and homeless youth who experience high rates of traumatic events should be treated by mental health professionals. **Rep. Loudenbeck authored legislation to allow minors to access mental health treatment in emergency situations without written consent of a parent or guardian.** Advocates for unaccompanied and homeless youth have asked for additional flexibility so vulnerable youth can access mental health treatment in a timely fashion. For example, a minor living with a friend or relative because their parent(s) is/are incarcerated, drug addicted, mentally ill, deceased, or otherwise unavailable or absent from the home would not be able to readily obtain written, informed parental consent for emergency outpatient mental health treatment. The bill specifically prohibits the health care provider from admitting a minor to an inpatient facility and from prescribing medications to a minor seeking treatment under the emergency waiver.



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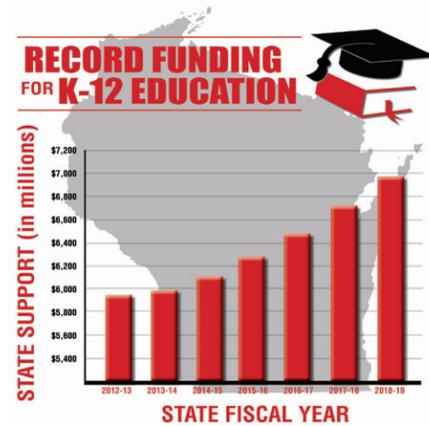
STATE BUDGET AND TRANSPORTATION

Wisconsin's 2017-2019 Budget appropriated over \$76 billion, including federal funds. As a member of the Joint Committee on Finance, Rep. Loudenbeck was actively involved in the entire budget process, including attending 15 listening sessions in her district and across Wisconsin.

The current budget invests significant new dollars in K-12 education and property tax relief. The budget also includes strategic funding increases for important programs like treatment and diversion courts, school based mental health and child abuse prevention. There was also funding to support technical colleges, increase student financial aid and expand worker training programs and the UW System received new funding to offset another tuition freeze.

One of the biggest issues discussed during the budget process was transportation funding. The final budget made progress by finding ways to increase DOT efficiency, and reducing the overall amount of bonding for transportation while slightly increasing revenue. **As an advocate for the Interstate 39/90 expansion project, Rep. Loudenbeck was thankful to her legislative colleagues and Governor Walker for fully funding this critical infrastructure upgrade from the Stateline to Madison. Rep. Loudenbeck acknowledges the long-term solvency of the transportation fund remains an issue, and is committed to working with stakeholders to construct a funding approach that is adequate, equitable and sustainable.**

Rep. Loudenbeck led the charge to include a few provisions in the budget that were very important to her district. She successfully added language to clarify the business of beekeeping must receive the same sales tax exemption as other agricultural interests. She also secured five annual payments of \$586,000 to offset the city of Janesville's inequitable treatment in the state's shared revenue formula while a long-term solution is studied. Finally, she was able to include language to limit eminent domain for railroads which was ultimately vetoed. Rep. Loudenbeck subsequently introduced Assembly Bill 545 to separately address the issue.



STRONG AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

Mobile Integrated Health is the provision of health care using patient-centered mobile resources in the out-of-hospital environment. **This session Rep. Loudenbeck authored two bills (2017 Act 12 and 2017 Act 66) to advance opportunities for non-emergency health care services to be provided in Wisconsin by defining community emergency medical services and creating a framework that allows hospitals, private ambulance companies, and municipal EMS providers to develop new strategies for delivering quality care, in the right place, at the right time.** Community EMS pilot programs have already demonstrated improvements in health outcomes and medical cost savings. This new law encourages partnerships, outlines appropriate oversight and training, and provides flexibility so programs can truly reflect individual community needs.

Rural Fire and EMS Departments in Wisconsin and other states have struggled in recent years with volunteer shortages. **At the request of Governor Scott Walker, Rep. Loudenbeck authored Assembly Bill 872 to expand the existing Career and Technical Education Incentive Grant to include a specialized Public Safety Certification Incentive Grant program which provides a \$500 high school student award payment upon the successful completion of Firefighter I, Firefighter II or EMT Basic.** The student's school district will also receive up to a \$1,000 grant. The student completion award payment will not only incentivize participation, but help offset out-of-pocket costs for books, exam fees, clothing and travel that are currently paid by the student and/or family. The goal of this new program is to help restock the volunteer fire and EMS worker pipelines all across Wisconsin.



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