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National Guard Sexual Assault Legislation Advances

Madison, **WI** — State Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay), vice-chair of the Legislative Council Study Committee on Wisconsin National Guard Sexual Misconduct Procedures, commends the Joint Legislative Council for voting to introduce legislation proposed by the study committee.

This study committee was formed in response to recent concerns that the Wisconsin National Guard failed to handle and respond properly to sexual assault and harassment claims.

"Men and women who choose to serve in the Wisconsin National Guard deserve to feel safe and comfortable addressing any type of assault or harassment," said Wimberger. "The legislation we put forward increases transparency and accountability, and ensures that the Guard is doing all it can to prevent and address sexual assault."

The bill package includes:

- <u>LRB 0831/1:</u> Establishes and maintains a case management system to track information related to misconduct cases within the National Guard.
- <u>LRB 0833/1:</u> Requires the Adjutant General to submit a publically available annual report to the governor and legislature on several topics relating to sexual assault and harassment claims made by members of the National Guard.
- <u>LRB 0834/1:</u> Makes various changes to the Wisconsin Code of Military Justice to clarify court procedures and ensure fair treatment of victims.

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Senator Eric Wimberger represents the 30th Senate District, which includes parts of Brown, Oconto, and Marinette Counties.