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## **Wimberger Statement on Budget's Commitment to Close Green Bay Correctional by 2029**

MADISON – Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) released the following statement after the Joint Committee on Finance, the state's budget-writing committee, voted today to include a provision in the 2025-26 State Budget to close Green Bay Correctional (GBCI) by 2029:

*"Green Bay Correctional's days are numbered."*

*Today, the Finance Committee approved funding for a Type 1 juvenile facility that will replace Lincoln Hills, and Lincoln Hills will be converted to a medium security prison. The new space will draw medium-security inmates out of maximum-security facilities who are only there due to crowding, allowing the consolidation of maximum-security facilities in coming years.*

*Many thanks to Representatives Benjamin Franklin and David Steffen for working with me and getting the project through the Finance Committee."*

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*State Senator Eric Wimberger is an attorney, small business owner, and former Marine Captain. He serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance and Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. He represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, including parts of Brown, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca Counties.*

*A media kit for Senator Wimberger can be found [here](#).*