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**State Senate Passes Holocaust Education Funding
& Strengthens Penalties for Fleeing Law Enforcement**

Madison – Today, Senate Bill 833 and Senate Bill 514 both authored by Senator Dan Knodl (R – Germantown) unanimously passed the State Senate.

Senate Bill 833 provides funding for the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center (HERC). HERC is the primary support vehicle for implementing 2021 Act 30, mandating Holocaust education in public, charter, and choice schools. HERC's services include: field trips, in-class programs, speakers, lesson plans, and workshops for educators.

"Since the barbaric terrorist attack on Israel by the terrorist group Hamas on October 7th, anti-Semitic incidents increased by 360% over the prior year. At the same time, the public's memory of the worst genocide in history is fading. This legislation will play a key role in preserving memory of the Holocaust and ensuring it never happens again."

Senate Bill 514 increases the penalties for criminals who flee an officer and provides minimum sentencing for especially dangerous or deadly acts.

"Criminals are becoming emboldened by restrictions on the actions of police—we need to send a message that there are consequences to not following lawful requests from officers."

Both Senate Bill 833 and Senate Bill 514 will now be messaged to the State Assembly for a vote and then onto the governor's desk.

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The 8th Senate District includes portions of Washington, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Milwaukee Counties.