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State Senate Addresses Teacher Shortage

Madison – Today, Senate Bill 608 authored by State Senator Dan Knodl (R – Germantown) passed the State Senate with a vote of 21-11. Senate Bill 608 creates a pathway to a teaching license for paraprofessionals upon the endorsement from the school’s principal, the school district’s administrator, and the Department of Public Instruction.

“Education is not immune to the tight labor market, and our traditional standards for entry into the teaching profession have unfortunately fenced out many worthy candidates, including hundreds of high-performing paraprofessionals already working in classrooms in our state. This bill gives them the means to follow their potential.”

Senate Bill 608 also passed the State Assembly and will be immediately sent to the governor’s desk.

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