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Four Feyen Bills Signed into Law

Madison—State Senator Dan Feyen(R-Fond du Lac) released the following statement following Governor Walker's signing of four Feyen bills today:

"In my first legislative session, I have prioritized common sense reforms that help make Wisconsin government work better for everyone. The four bills I authored and signed into law by Governor Walker today continue that mission by allowing businesses to aid in keeping education affordable for their employees, keeping probation offenders employed through the judicial process, directing the UW System to set policies on transfer credits, and updating DSPS rules," said Sen. Feyen.

SB75: Employer 529 Contributions

This legislation provides another tool for businesses to use when recruiting workers to their business and our state. By encouraging businesses to contribute to their student's education costs, this bill also provides one small solution to the issue of college affordability.

SB339: Huber Release

This bill allows a probationer who is confined in a county jail or other county facility for a probation violation to participate in Huber release, provided that his or her probation is due to a misdemeanor conviction and the probation violation for which he or she is confined is not a crime. Purposes for which a probationer may be temporarily released include employment-related activities and medical care.

This legislation aims to help individuals remain employed who have committed no new crime and are not a flight risk or a danger to others. By limiting the economic uncertainty created by a loss of employment, this legislation would help to prevent a wave of other challenges that would threaten an individual's ability to stay out of our justice system such as housing insecurity, lack of legal income, loss of ability to pay child support, court fees, etc. This



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legislation does not mandate anything. We are simply returning control back to the local level and allowing sheriffs the discretion to grant Huber to individuals in the revocation process if they see fit.

SB407: Early College Credit Transfer Policies

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to establish policies for the transfer of credits earned by a high school pupil enrolled in a course at a UW System institution or at an educational institution outside the UW System. If the credits are not transferable under the policies, the board must permit the individual to take an examination to determine the individual's competency in the subject area of the course. The bill requires the board to award equivalent credits to an individual who earns a passing score on the examination.

AB641: DSPS Statute Update

This legislation updates building and plumbing plan review and variances by cities, villages, towns, and counties for public buildings and places of employment and affecting related rules of the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

Senator Feyen represents the 18th Senate District, which includes parts of Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Winnebago Counties.

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