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Statement on Unanimous Senate Support to Close Lincoln Hills

MADISON – Following the State Senate’s 32-0 vote today to close the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake juvenile corrections facilities, Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) released the following statement:

“Senator Fitzgerald called this bill a ‘heavy lift,’ and he was right. While I, and others, had been working on this issue for a while, many had not. This is not a ‘lock them up and throw away the key’ issue. We are dealing with lives and families, and the future of our state. It was appropriate that the State Senate have time to review bill and educate themselves about its potential impact.

“I appreciate my colleagues support to close Lincoln Hills by the end of 2020, and their investment in mental health treatment. I am especially thankful for the work of Governor Walker, Senator Fitzgerald, and Representatives Schraa, Goyke and others to push the bill across the finish line.”

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