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Sen. Tomczyk Comments on Governor's Veto

Last week, Gov. Evers vetoed SB 436 which would have eliminated work permits for 14 and 15 year olds.

Madison, WI - Sen. Cory Tomczyk (R-Mosinee) issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers' veto of Senate Bill (SB) 436, which would have eliminated government red tape and the requirement for a 14 and 15 year old to obtain a work permit:

“Well, ‘Governor Veto’ strikes again, vetoing a bill, SB 436, which I authored along with Rep. Clint Moses (R-Menomonie). If you listen to the governor or his mouthpieces in the liberal media, you’d think that SB 436 would take us back to the dark ages. That bill didn’t make any changes to the kind of work a child could perform. However, Governor Evers and his ilk want you to think SB 436 would have had kids working on metal lathes in hot steel mills, but it did nothing more than remove the requirement for a piece of paper and the cost of getting ‘permission’ from a school that, in too many cases, is incapable of even teaching its students how to read.

“Simply, SB 436 removed the requirement for 14 and 15-year-olds to pay \$10 and get a piece of paper to say they were allowed to work. It changed no other requirements. Critics say that the child would be able to, under this bill, get a job without their parents’ consent. In my world, those decisions aren’t made based on a parent signing a piece of paper, they are made as a result of a conversation between a parent and child at the kitchen table. Evers and his friends claim that ‘we have to keep parents informed’ all the while working to hide information from parents if their child displays gender dysphoria, followed by wringing their hands and drooling over another potential victim they can manipulate. That’s the truly disgusting behavior here – NOT repealing government red tape to make it easier for children to enter the workforce. The left does not want children learning the value of work. No, they must become dependent on the government; they must follow the former ‘educator’, Mr. Evers’ plan. Evers and his far left donors can’t even imagine the horrors that could unfold if a young person started to understand the benefits and rewards of working for their own future, for their own independence, and not relying on the government.

“Another one of the Governor’s reasons for the veto was to protect children from employers exploiting them. Maybe what they’re really worried about is activist judges who refuse to actually prosecute criminals and subsequently not actually enforcing child labor laws. How about, instead of assaulting the laws we have on the books in the state, the Attorney General’s office could work to enforce the laws of our state, thereby protecting children from bad actors. Maybe old man Evers already knows that isn’t their goal.”

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