

Sen. Fitzgerald: Senate advances HOPE bills, administrative rules changes

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[Madison, WI] Today the Wisconsin Senate met in both regular and special session to debate nearly twenty pieces of legislation. Among the bills on the day's calendar were a number of proposals targeting opioid addiction and changes to the state's administrative rules procedures.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald released the following statement:

"I was thrilled that the Senate had another productive, bipartisan session, during which we tackled a number of important issues facing the state of Wisconsin. With the nine special session bills advanced today, the Senate has taken several great strides towards helping to combat our state's ongoing opioid crisis. I was proud to be the lead author of one of these bills—Special Session Assembly Bill 2—which increases support for Wisconsin's treatment alternatives and diversion programs. I have long been a proponent of these highly effective programs and I am proud that the Senate approved this measure unanimously today.

I am also pleased that with the Senate's vote today on Senate Bill 15, Wisconsin has taken the first step towards becoming the first state in the nation to enact a statewide REINS Act. This measure will help us to encourage accountability and efficiency at all levels of government to ensure that we are fostering an environment that allows businesses to grow and thrive. I want to thank the author, Senator LeMahieu and all of the bill's other sponsors for their diligent work on this legislation over the past two sessions."

For a full accounting of the day's Senate actions, visit:

<http://insession.legis.wisconsin.gov/senate>

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Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represent the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.