

Wisconsin DOJ: AG Schimel applauds legislature for actions to reduce drug abuse

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MADISON, Wis. – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate took action on two bills that target Wisconsin's growing opioid epidemic. Attorney General Schimel released the following statement applauding the Wisconsin State Legislature's actions.

“Wisconsin is a national leader when it comes to proactive legislation targeting drug abuse thanks to Rep. Nygren’s leadership. The passage of these bills bring us closer to ending the opioid epidemic, and makes Wisconsin safer and healthier. I’m glad to have been a part of the process to advance this legislation and I am proud that the Wisconsin Department of Justice continues to lead on law enforcement training and has seen tremendous success with our Dose of Reality campaign to end prescription painkiller abuse.”

[Special Session Assembly Bill 3](#) prevents revocation of probation, parole, or extended supervisions revoked for drug possession for an individual when they render aid to someone experiencing a drug overdose.

[Special Session Assembly Bill 5](#) extends treatment options for drug dependent individuals and changes certain emergency and involuntary commitment procedures to reflect policies already in place for alcohol dependent individuals.