

Rep. Goyke: Juvenile corrections reform signed into law

Posted on Monday, Apr 2, 2018

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Rep. Evan Goyke

March 30, 2018

[608.266.0645](tel:608.266.0645)

Juvenile Corrections Reform Signed Into Law

State of Wisconsin adopts reforms authored by Rep. Goyke

MADISON – Today Rep. Goyke commended the State’s decision to adopt a smaller regionalized juvenile corrections system, as well as the initiative to repurpose Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake into an adult facility.

Following today’s bill signing by the Governor, Rep. Goyke made the following statement:

“Today Wisconsin is taking its first step in meaningful corrections reform. I will continue to work hard and lead Wisconsin to ensure these meaningful reforms are implemented swiftly and correctly. I am honored to have worked closely with Rep. Schraa and other bi-partisan authors on the crafting of the legislation and passage of this bill.

This legislation accomplishes great things for our communities, counties, and justice system – both juvenile and adult. Incarcerated youth will now have access to the services and rehabilitation they need while accomplishing these goals closer to their home and families. This is a proven model in other States and we can now establish and implement ‘The Wisconsin Model.’

My efforts to make further reforms to our State's corrections system, both adult and juvenile, continues into the next legislative session. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make additional reforms a reality."

At the end of last year Rep. Goyke conducted a policy briefing to the state legislature on the Wisconsin prison system. The briefing included an analysis of the State of Wisconsin's correctional system, an examination of reforms adopted in conservative states across the country, and a discussion of legislative solutions.

The presentation first proposed many of the changes that became law today.

The information presented is contained in the work *Inmate 501*, written by Rep. Goyke and available

at: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/18/goyke/inmate-501-adult-and-juvenile-corrections-reform/>

A video of the presentation is available

at: <http://www.wiseye.org/Video-Archive/Event-Detail/evhdid/12017>