

# Rep. Loudenbeck: Two bills inspired by constituent concerns

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**Madison-** To start off the 2019-2020 legislative session Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) authored two proposals that are a direct result of important constituent input.

“A long list of legislators from both sides of the aisle and across the state have added their names to these proposals. It is very rewarding to have the opportunity to advance policy ideas of statewide interest that I have developed based on real people and stories from the 31st Assembly District,” said Rep. Loudenbeck.

The first proposal would allow a minor who is 17 years of age and is confirmed by a school district’s Local Educational Agency Liaison to be both unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) and homeless (living situation is not “fixed, regular, and adequate”) to contract for admission to a shelter facility or transitional living program. Rep. Loudenbeck authored the bill with Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills). Neighboring legislators Rep. Deb Kolste (D-Janesville) and Sen. Janis Ringhand (D-Evansville) are co-sponsors of the bill.

According to Rep. Loudenbeck, “Unaccompanied and homeless youth are vulnerable to human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse. Providing these young people with an opportunity for safe shelter and other supports will reduce their risk for negative outcomes. Local advocates for unaccompanied and homeless youth in my district asked me to help them find options for older teens without stable housing who want to complete their high school education. This bill provides a

narrow option that respects parents' rights and maintains the integrity of the juvenile court and justice systems.”

The second proposal would make common sense changes to allow the Department of Revenue (DOR) to disclose tax liability to a person who is looking to purchase a business or purchase inventory from a business. A constituent of Rep. Loudenbeck's experienced a situation in which she unknowingly became responsible for the sales tax liability of another business when she purchased their close-out inventory, even though she had no way of knowing the liability existed under current law. Rep. Loudenbeck co-authored the bill with Sen. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield).

“My legislative office worked with DOR to find a solution to prevent what happened to my constituent from happening to someone else. This bill creates a mechanism for serious buyers of a former or current business or their inventory to make an inquiry of DOR in order to determine potential successor tax liability,” said Rep. Loudenbeck.

Both bills have been submitted to the Chief Clerk and are awaiting committee referral.

More information on the proposals is available at:

[Bill Draft](#) and [Co-Sponsor Memo](#) - **Sales Tax Liability** relating to: the disclosure of a retailer's sales tax liability to a successor.

[Bill Draft](#) and [Co-Sponsor Memo](#) - **Shelter Admission** relating to: a minor contracting for admission to a shelter facility or transitional living program.