

Rep. Plumer: Has two bills pass State Assembly

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Madison... During Tuesday's session of the State Assembly, two bills authored by Rep. Jon Plumer (R-Lodi) passed unanimously and will be sent to the Senate for their consideration. Assembly Bill (AB) 816 requires that the Holocaust and other genocides be taught in Wisconsin schools. AB 858 creates an opioid database which gathers information and statistics from several agencies related to Wisconsin's substance abuse issues and houses them in one convenient location. The Assembly also passed AB 114, which requires Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to be licensed with the state through the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) among other consumer protection elements.

Rep. Plumer commented:

"Passing legislation in Madison is not always an easy thing to do, but when it passes on a bipartisan vote and unanimously in the State Assembly - that is a good day. During the committee hearing for AB 816, we heard from a Holocaust survivor who told her terrifying story of survival and the horrors that took place over 75 years ago in Nazi Germany. Those stories and the lives that were lost should never, ever be forgotten. AB 816 ensures that no student in Wisconsin leaves school without learning about the Holocaust and other genocides in history. This bill is so important and will make a big difference in education when it is signed into law.

"After spending the past year in office learning about our state's issues with

substance abuse and watching the Legislature pass over 30 HOPE Agenda bills, we need to know what is working and what we need to keep working on. AB 858 creates a database that allows the Legislature, law enforcement, and health providers to track our progress and be able to continue to help where needed. I can't wait to see this legislation put to use when signed into law.

"The Assembly also unanimously passed AB 114, the PBM bill – of which I was a cosponsor. AB 114 will have a positive impact on patients in Wisconsin by putting price protections in place for prescriptions. Making sure healthcare is affordable and accessible has been a priority of mine since I took office and this bill is a huge step in the right direction."