

Sen. Wanggaard: Statement on Joint Finance action on juvenile corrections

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“Few legislators want Lincoln Hills closed more than me.

“The Type 1 sites proposed by Governor Evers are simply unacceptable, and I have communicated that to Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr and Governor Evers.

Of the two Type 1 sites selected by the Evers Administration, one was not even considered by

the Juvenile Corrections Study Committee, and the other is a wetland that is frequently flooded.

In addition, the Evers’ Administration has not complied with the 2019 Act 8 requirements for

siting Type I facilities. Act 8 requires the Department of Corrections to hold public listening

sessions and meetings with the governing body of local municipalities. Act 8 also contains a

“safety valve” allowing the Department of Corrections to transfer Lincoln Hills inmates to other

appropriate facilities.

I remain committed to closing Lincoln Hills, and stand ready to continue my work with the

Juvenile Corrections Study Committee to appropriately locate the Type 1 facilities.”

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