

Rep. Bodden: Helps introduce gain of function legislation

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Madison, WI – State Representative Ty Bodden (R-Stockbridge) released the following statement regarding co-authoring the gain of function legislation that was introduced:

“I would like to thank Rep. Behnke and Senator Jacque for leading the charge on this gain of function bill. I am proud to be the assembly co-author on this legislation. This legislation prohibits institutions of higher education in this state from conducting gain of function research on potential pandemic pathogens. There is a dangerous lack of oversight at the University of Wisconsin-Madison regarding gain of function research, so this is another step towards righting the wrongs of the past, which is something my office will continue to strive to do.”

Gain of function research involves modifying the genetic makeup of viruses, including coronaviruses like SARS-CoV-2 (the virus responsible for COVID-19), to give them new abilities or characteristics.

Rep. Bodden continued, “The risks that come with these experiments are dangerous and mistakes could lead to catastrophe.”