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**Young Opposes GOP's Trivial School Security Proposals**  
*Real problem not addressed: assault weapons*

(MADISON) - State Representative Leon D. Young (D-Milwaukee) felt he had no choice in opting to vote against the governor's plan to spend \$100 million for school security upgrades.

According to Young, "This proposal is nothing more than window dressing, in which Republicans are trying to give the impression that they have taken steps to ensure the safety of students while in school."

"Republicans have no qualms about spending millions of dollars on mandating reporting requirements for school violence threats or requiring annual active shooter drills, but is awkwardly silent and void of leadership when it comes to addressing the real culprit in these mass shootings - the availability of assault weapons."

"During our recent floor debate on this issue, I attempted to advance an amendment that would have banned assault weapons that was modeled after federal legislation. Regrettably, this amendment never had a chance to see the light of day due to parliamentary maneuvers."

"I said it before and I will continue to say it: You're not going to solve the incidences of mass shootings until, and unless, you get assault weapons out of our midst."

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