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Taylor Responds to Employee Claim

(MADISON) – In response to the statement released by the Wisconsin State Legislature’s Legislative Human Resources Office Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“The complaint was made by a disgruntled employee, who was both unable and, in some instances unwilling to meet the requirements of the Madison based position, to include reporting to the state Capitol. Corrective measures for the employee were rebuffed or deflected with claims of unfair treatment. Furthermore, the employee received an \$80,000 tax-payer funded “no show, no work” arrangement for nearly a year for a process that should have been concluded in eighty days according to the Senate manual. Even with my retention of legal counsel, I am concerned about the manner in which this was handled. With only one individual responsible for providing advice and guidance on personnel matters, to both the employee and the legislator, it is a conflictual relationship at best. Additionally, that same person must perform the investigation, conclusion of findings and the summary of decision of an employee dispute.”

“Despite agreeing to the recommendations that resulted from this process, I have been removed from the Joint Committee on Finance by the Senate Majority Leader. It is unfortunate that Milwaukee will lose an experienced, progressive, and relentless voice at a time that Milwaukee schools, city and county needs more help from the state’s budget committee. Regardless, I will continue to be a voice for the interests of the constituents I serve.”

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