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Gov. Evers’ “New” Plan Duplicates Line-Item Vetoes Already Passed in Budget

Madison – Following Governor Evers’ announcement regarding the allocation of assistant district attorney positions, Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R-Oconomowoc*) expressed her concerns:

“While it is somewhat encouraging to see the governor has a plan to add prosecutors to DA offices around our state, I am disappointed to see him playing partisan politics again by reinstating a plan he already line-item vetoed in the budget. Furthermore, not only is the governor trying to take credit for a comprehensive, well-thought-through Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) needs assessment as passed by the Legislature in the 2019-2021 state budget, he is modifying the allocation of assistant district attorney positions to reward counties that elected him, not focusing on the counties that need the most assistance.

According to the LAB analysis, Milwaukee and Dane County DA offices are currently staffed at the highest percentage in the state, and in the case of Milwaukee County, staffed at well over 100%. However, under the governor’s modified plan, Milwaukee County would receive 3 more positions when they are already fully staffed.

At a time when our state and rural areas are dealing with the opioid and meth epidemic, the governor needs to prioritize these counties and give them the tools they need to make a difference, instead of politics as usual.”

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