



BARBARA DITTRICH

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 38th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

For Immediate Release
October 15, 2019

Rep. Barbara Dittrich
608-266-8551

Rep. Dittrich Announces Bill Package Aimed at Helping Kids Find Safe, Permanent Homes

8 Bills Released as Part of Speaker's Task Force on Adoption

Madison – Today, Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R-Oconomowoc*), joined by fellow members of the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption, introduced eight bills that reflect the goals of the bipartisan committee: identify ways to reduce the cost and timeline, examine the termination of parental rights process (TPR) and raise awareness of adoption.

“As chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption, I see this legislation as a way to make a meaningful impact on the adoption process, while treating every child and adult involved in the process with the respect and dignity they deserve,” stated Rep. Dittrich.

The Speaker's Task Force on Adoption held seven hearings around the state this summer, gathering input from various judicial authorities, social/case workers, parents, adoptees, state agencies and private organizations. These bills have been drafted as a direct result of testimony shared during the hearings.

“We are committed to not only providing vulnerable children with loving, stable homes but parents the resources they need to accomplish this priority. We want kids thriving in loving homes, not languishing in hopelessness. They deserve no less. We are dedicated to making Wisconsin an adoption-friendly state,” concluded Rep. Dittrich.

For more information on the proposed legislation, the task force website can be found at the following link: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/adoption/>

###