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Two Loudenbeck Bills Scheduled for Senate Vote

Madison- Tomorrow, two bipartisan bills authored by State Representative Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), Assembly Bills 51 and 52 are scheduled to be voted on in the State Senate.

Assembly Bill 51: would allow a minority teacher who works in a public, private, or tribal school in a Wisconsin school district in which minority students constitute at least 40% of the membership to be eligible to apply for student loan forgiveness. The current program is limited to schools in the City of Milwaukee and the program is underutilized.

“Schools across Wisconsin are trying to close the achievement gap between white and non-white students and research indicates that hiring teachers of color is a proven way to accomplish that. The bill doesn’t create a new program or appropriation, it simply allows qualifying schools outside of the City of Milwaukee to benefit from this program,” said Loudenbeck.

Assembly Bill 52: would allow a minor who is 17 years of age and is confirmed to be both unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) and homeless (living situation is not “fixed, regular, and adequate”) to contract for admission to a shelter facility or transitional living program.

“Unaccompanied and homeless youth are vulnerable to human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse. Providing these young people with an opportunity for safe shelter and other supports will reduce their risk for negative outcomes and allow them to complete their high school education,” said Loudenbeck. “I am so proud of the policy changes I have championed on behalf of unaccompanied and homeless youth and their amazing advocates in my district. Together we have successfully reconciled numerous administrative barriers facing these vulnerable youth so they can more readily access work, mental health services, and shelter resources.”

Once voted on by the Senate, both bills head to Governor Evers for action.

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