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Weekly Radio Address: Getting people back into the workforce

MADISON –Rep. Scott Krug (R-Nekoosa) delivers this week's GOP radio address.

In 2015, Wisconsin began requiring drug screenings in order for people to obtain food stamps. The law directs the Department of Health Services to screen, test, and treat able-bodied adults who have dependents, as a condition of participating in the program.

We want to make sure that people who need help are able to receive it, so they can get back into the workforce.

When Governor Evers proposed his biennial budget, he tried to rescind the requirements. The legislature tried to prevent that from happening, but the governor vetoed the funds that would have gone toward running the program.

The Department of Health Services was still required to submit a report on implementation of the program by October 1st of this year, but has so far failed to do so. This means the Evers' Administration is in violation of the law.

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform, I am asking DHS to outline its plan to implement the testing requirement in accordance with the law. With a shortage of workers in our state, we can't afford to have anyone on the sidelines.

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