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Increased Adoption Assistance for Families Signed Into Law

Act 92 part of Task Force on Adoption Legislative Package

Madison – State Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R-Oconomowoc*) saw months of hard work on streamlining adoption result in more families become eligible to receive adoption assistance when Act 92 was signed into law on Wednesday, February 5th.

“It is heartbreaking to see so many children languishing in protective care. I truly believe this bill will assist families in a real way by allowing them to eligible for assistance they might not have otherwise had available to them. Our hope is that this law will help prevent more kids from aging out in the system,” shared Rep. Dittrich.

Act 92 will increase the eligibility for families to receive assistance when adopting sibling groups or children over the age of seven years old. Previously, assistance was only available for sibling groups of 3 or more or children over the age of 10 years old.

“While touring the state, the task force heard repeatedly about ways to mitigate trauma for children and moving them into permanence and stability more quickly. This new law will work to keep sibling groups together, thus helping to retain their identity and mitigate some of that trauma. It also will help to move more children out of the system faster, creating stable environments where they can thrive,” concluded Rep. Dittrich.

Act 92 is the first of 8 bills to be signed into law. Seven other bills advanced by the Speaker’s Task Force on Adoption and passed in the Assembly are in the State Senate awaiting committee action in various stages.

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