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## Two Loudenbeck Bills Head to Governor's Desk

**Madison-** Today, two bills authored by Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) cleared their final legislative hurdle and now head to Governor Evers to be signed.

"I'm excited to finally be sending these two bills to be signed. Both bills were unfinished business from last session when the final floor date for the Senate was canceled due to COVID. The bills received bipartisan support in both chambers and I look forward to Governor Evers signing them," said Loudenbeck.

Senate Bill 79 authored with Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) requires the University of Wisconsin System to recognize and reward time spent by state integrated specialists teaching Wisconsin farmers in the same way other faculty are evaluated for teaching in a classroom.

Senate Bill 110 authored with Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) removes the limit on the number of schools a student can apply to under open enrollment only for applications to virtual charter schools. Current law allows a family to apply for open enrollment to a maximum of three districts within a school year, regardless of format. The law does not allow for any accommodations/additional applications if a student is denied admittance into all three of the districts to which they applied.

"Senate Bill 110 was brought to my attention by the Elkhorn Area School District administrator. Virtual school options are numerous in Wisconsin, which was not the case in 1999 when the three school limit was established. This bill will allow pupils with disciplinary problems or complex behavioral/medical challenges to receive appropriate education services," said Loudenbeck.

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