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Rep. Tittl Votes to Fund Police

Madison – Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) is proud to support law enforcement in communities throughout Wisconsin by voting for a bill that decreases shared revenue payments to municipalities who cut funding for their police departments. The cut to the state shared revenue payments would be equal to the amount to the department.

“This bill does not prohibit communities from defunding police, but if a community feels they no longer need as many police officers, they certainly don’t need the funds to pay for them,” said Rep. Tittl.

In cases where fewer officers are truly warranted, the bill allows municipalities to enter into cooperative agreements to share law enforcement with other government units or to transfer responsibility to another unit of government to avoid a cut to shared revenue.

“Backing the badge, EMS and fire is more important than ever,” said Rep. Tittl. “Cutting their budgets to make a political statement will not make our communities safer.”

An amendment specifies fire and EMS positions also cannot be cut without a reduction in shared revenue. Additionally, municipalities with fewer than 30 law enforcement officers, fire department members, or emergency medical responders would be exempt under the amendment.

The amendment also exempts from a reduction in shared revenue, departments that spend less in a fiscal year but still employ the same number of officers.

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The 25th Assembly District includes portions of Manitowoc & Calumet Counties