

For Immediate Release February 23, 2022

Rep. Plumer Applauds Passage of Narcotics Database Legislation

Contact: Rep. Jon Plumer

(608) 266-3404

MADISON, WI – Rep. Jon Plumer (R – Lodi) applauded the unanimous passage (96-0) of Senate Bill 49 by the Wisconsin State Assembly this afternoon. The legislation requires the Department of Administration to work with an outside vendor to establish and maintain an opioid and methamphetamine database system.

"Passage of this legislation will be a game changer in Wisconsin's fight against substance abuse," said Rep. Plumer. "By having better access to data, our law enforcement, first responders, healthcare professionals, and social services will be able to target their resources more effectively and where they are needed."

The bill directs the Department of Administration to work with the Departments of Justice, Health Services, Corrections, Safety and Professional Services, and Children and Families to develop a system for collecting information about opioid and methamphetamine usage. The legislation specifies which information the system should track, such as opioid related hospital visits, methamphetamine and opioid overdose deaths, naloxone doses administered, arrests made, and other relevant statistics. Additionally, DOA would be responsible for disseminating this information when requested and for providing summary reports to the Joint Committee on Finance

"Other states have already implemented systems like this and it has been a tremendous tool in combating addiction," said Rep. Plumer. "I look forward to Wisconsin getting our system up and running in the near future."

Senate Bill 49 had previously passed the Senate on 32-1 vote and now heads to the governor's desk for his signature.