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Rep. Snyder Votes for Police Reform Legislation

Madison... Today, Representatives Patrick Snyder's (R-Schofield) voted to pass a number of bills focusing on reforming police practices in Wisconsin along with a comprehensive bill on expungement reform.

Rep. Snyder said:

"I am proud to vote in favor of expungement reform. Currently, there are many people who made poor choices earlier in their life who have lived good reformed lives ever since and have been ineligible for expungement. Those who truly reform should be given the opportunity to expunge their records. AB 69 will allow many to seek expungement by removing many arbitrary barriers while still ensuring that certain serious crimes will not be eligible for expungement."

The law enforcement reform package of legislation was created as part of the Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities. The task force focused on reforming law enforcement practices to: best protect members of the public and law enforcement, provide transparency accountability, and ensure that our justice system works for all of Wisconsin.

"The package of legislation passed by the Assembly today is the result of long and continuous deliberation involving lawmakers, activists, community leaders, members of law enforcement, and other members of the public. This legislative package will help improve the lack of trust many Wisconsinites have in law enforcement while still ensuring the rule of law and protecting the safety of law enforcement."

Among the bills passed today are:

AB 190 - allows for de-certification of officers that resign in lieu of termination, bans non-disclosure agreements and requires departments to maintain personnel files for officers to be shared with other prospective departments.

AB 330 - would standardize training requirements for school resources officers.

AB 331 - would require an officer to pass a psychiatric evaluation as a condition of employment.

AB 329 - would require the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) to collect and report on data regarding the use of no-knock search warrants.

AB 109 - would require the DOJ to collect and report on data regarding the use of force incidents.

AB 110 - would have all law enforcement agencies post their use-of-force policies online.

AB 335 - creates a grant program to allow law enforcement agencies to purchase body cameras for officers.

AB 332 - stipulates as a part of their recertification efforts, officers must receive a set amount of crisis management training.

AB 258 - creates a grant program incentivize the use vacant homes in high crime areas by police to have a constant, stronger presence.

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