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JFC approves increased wages for correctional officers

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MADISON-The Joint Committee on Finance approved a 14% increase in starting wages for correctional officers in order to address the long-running issue of worker shortages in Wisconsin prisons. In addition to increased wages, JFC also approved bonuses to employees for longevity of service. Senator Dan Feyen (R-Fond du Lac) supports this motion to raise starting wages from \$16.65 an hour to over \$19. Under this initiative senior correctional officers would also experience increased wages by 2021.

“I want to thank all corrections employees in the state and in the 18th Senate District for their service to Wisconsin. It’s not an easy job and they all deserve more recognition for the dedication and hard work they devote to our communities every day.” Sen. Feyen said.

“While it’s so important to adequately compensate correctional officers for their hard work and to attract more DOC employees, we must not stop there. My office is devoted to finding a long-term solution to the worker shortage in our corrections system. To do that we must continue to discuss a wage scale for our correctional employees and work to make it more competitive with the private sector. At the end of the day my number priority will always be to ensure that all of our correctional officers and DOC employees return home safe to their families.”

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