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## **Rep. LaKeshia Myers Issues a Statement Regarding the Passing of AB 171: Sexual Assault by a Law Enforcement Officer**

MADISON – The Wisconsin Assembly passed AB 171 which will close a loophole in the state’s sexual assault laws. The legislation provides a penalty to any law enforcement officer who engages in sexual contact with a person they have taken into custody. A judge could also determine if the law enforcement officer should register as sex offender to protect the public, since the crime is classified as ‘sexually motivated’.

**“I am elated that the assembly passed this legislation today. I, like many others were astonished to find out that there was no law against this type of egregious behavior as pertains to local law enforcement. I believe this is a move in the right direction and it shows that we are proactive in our approach to protect all citizens from sexual assault, no matter the perpetrator.”** Rep. Myers stated.

Currently, the state only has laws that prohibit parole agents and correctional officers from engaging in sexual behavior with individuals in their custody.

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