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## Gov. Evers Signs Three Loudenbeck Authored Bills into Law

**Madison –** Today, Governor Tony Evers signed three bills authored by Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) into law.

<u>Assembly Bill 52</u> would allow a minor who is 17 years of age and is confirmed to be both unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) and homeless (living situation is not "fixed, regular, and adequate") to contract for admission to a shelter facility or transitional living program.

"Providing eligible individuals with an opportunity for safe shelter and other supports will reduce their risk for negative outcomes," said Loudenbeck. "Local advocates for unaccompanied and homeless youth in my district asked me to help them find options for older teens without stable housing who want to complete their high school education. This bill provides a narrow option that respects parents' rights and maintains the integrity of the juvenile court and justice systems."

Assembly Bill 427 makes changes to current law, as requested by the Department of Health Services, so that communities in Wisconsin can apply for a new and innovative federal pilot program called ET3 which stands for Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport. ET3 is a voluntary, five-year payment model that will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address the immediate medical needs of Medicare beneficiaries following a 911 call.

"I am excited about this bill as it will allow Wisconsin communities to apply for the ET3 pilot. As we know, emergency room visits are expensive, and may not always be the right place for someone calling 911 to receive the care they need. The pilot will provide data on patient outcomes and potential cost savings to help inform future EMS and health care related policy decisions," said Loudenbeck.

Assembly Bill 471 requires the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to start the rulemaking process for a grant program for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAPs) to purchase, update, and maintain Next Generation-911 (NG-911) equipment. NG-911 is an initiative aimed at updating the 911 service



infrastructure to improve public emergency communications services in a wireless mobile society. In addition to 911 voice capabilities, NG-911 intends to enable the public to transmit text, images, video, and data to a 911 center.

"The public expects PSAPs to do a lot of things they simply can't do with the equipment they have. The technology involved in updating PSAPs is going to be expensive, however the enhanced capabilities of NG-911 may result in a need for fewer total PSAPs overall," said Loudenbeck. "While the strategy for statewide NG-911 implementation is still in development, the bill requires DMA and the 911 Subcommittee to start the rule-making process with the expectation that grant programs will be funded in the next budget."

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