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Rep. Dittrich Advances Workforce Development with First Bill Passed Into Law

Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R-Oconomowoc*) was tremendously proud to witness Governor Tony Evers sign Senate Bill 72 (becoming Act 171) into law Tuesday, March 3rd at the State Capitol.

Act 171 expands the generally accepted career clusters to the full 16 categories, whereas the Department of Workforce Development previously sanctioned only 11 categories under current law. The expansion would include important areas including Business Management and Administration; Education and Training; Government and Public Administration; Human Services; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security.

“It is my hope that by including these categories, bringing us up to the full 16 career clusters, we can continue to help fill the career gaps in our workforce and give students more options to find fulfilling and meaningful careers where they can flourish in our state,” shared Rep. Dittrich

According to the Wisconsin Policy Forum, Wisconsin is facing a collision of an expansion of the retiree population due to the baby-boom generation and the decline in our state’s youth population. It is important to have our upcoming generations enter the workforce, ensuring they find jobs and careers that are fulfilling and become productive assets to our economy. Act 171 will make them aware of more options, and help them find a match for their aptitude and skill set.

“While it is undeniable this information expansion will assist our students, it will also help businesses mold the next generation and their future workforce so they are able to work together, allowing both sides to work hand-in-hand. When government steps out of the way and allows the workforce and businesses to operate in a free-flow of information and ideas, we will see a stronger workforce and business climate which will benefit our state in the long-run,” concluded Rep. Dittrich.

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