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### **Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara's Healthcare, Education Budget Motions Approved by JFC**

**Madison, WI** - Representative Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Fox Crossing) provided the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) with several budget motions to consider for inclusion in the 2021-23 budget. Upon the completion of the committee's votes, several of these items were included in the final draft. Rep. Cabral-Guevara released the following statement:

"Given the severe shortages in blood supply, healthcare professionals, educators, and mental health services caused by the pandemic, I am overjoyed that these requests are included in the final budget bill," said Rep. Cabral-Guevara. "It's clear that the legislature is making healthcare a priority in this budget and I look forward to sending it to the Governor's desk."

Many of these motions were targeted towards providing people across the state increased access to healthcare and mental health services. Rep. Cabral-Guevara's requests that were approved by JFC are as follows:

- Provide \$500,000 for a grant program to employer-sponsored blood drives
- Provide \$5,000,000 for a new nurse educators program
- Provide \$2,500,000 over the biennium to expand the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program
- Provide \$4,500,000 for 1-year certification programs at Wisconsin Technical colleges
- Provide \$500,000 to increase the maximum amount of funding DHS may provide under Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program
- Provide \$40,000,000 for an increase to direct caregivers in Family Care

"I want to thank Fox Valley Memory Project, Fox Valley Technical College, our police chiefs, and others in our community for bringing some of these issues to my attention. I am hopeful these investments will do good for folks in our area for years to come," said Rep. Cabral-Guevara.

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*The 55th Assembly District covers parts of Winnebago and Outagamie Counties, including the towns of Clayton, Greenville, Neenah, and Grand Chute, the village of Fox Crossing, and the cities of Neenah and Appleton.*