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## Rep. Snyder Supports Veto Override to Aid Workforce Recovery

**Madison...** Today, Representative Patrick Snyder (R-Schofield) voted in favor of a veto override attempt on Assembly Bill 336. AB 336 would improve the workforce crisis in Wisconsin by ending Wisconsin's participation in various federal unemployment programs that are keeping many unemployed from returning to work due to enhanced benefits. Rep. Snyder made the following statement after today's vote:

"I was disappointed that the Governor vetoed AB 336 when businesses across Marathon County and the rest of Wisconsin are unable to find enough employees to operate effectively. Many businesses are offering high wages, sign-on bonuses, and other extraordinary benefits with little success. It is simply impossible to compete with the expanded benefits that pay people \$16.75 an hour to stay home. I will continue fighting for all the businesses that are begging for help addressing Wisconsin's workforce crisis."

AB 336 would ensure that those collecting unemployment benefits are actively searching for employment as a condition of claiming benefits. Current unemployment insurance benefits allow claimants to earn \$16.75 an hour – much of which is tax free – while not participating in the workforce. The expanded benefits are due to Wisconsin's participation in various federal supplemental insurance programs. AB 336 would end Wisconsin's participation in these federal programs. 26 other states have already opted out of these programs.

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