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## **Anti-Opioid Abuse measures supported by Rep. Allen**

Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) announced today his co-sponsorship of measures to combat opioid abuse in Wisconsin, authored by Rep. John Nygren.

"I would like to thank Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and my Assembly colleague, Rep. John Nygren, for their leadership on the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse," said Rep. Allen. "These are important measures which will save lives."

LRB 1328/1 creates an involuntary commitment program for opioid abusers. The program contains legal protections similar to Wisconsin's statute on involuntary commitment for alcohol abusers.

LRB 1026/1 permits certain school officials to administer emergency doses of opioid antagonists to students who may be suffering from an overdose. Currently, school officials are permitted to administer epinephrine and glucagon in cases of allergic reaction or low blood sugar, but not for opioid-related drug overdoses.

LRB 1323/1 extends limited immunity to individuals who call 911 to report a drug overdose, or administers a controlled substance to stop an overdose. Wisconsin is the only state with a "911 Good Samaritan Law" which does not extend those protections.

LRB 0639/1 creates a recovery high school for students to continue education during or after attending a drug treatment program. This charter school pilot program would be limited to 15 students, and provides added support based on the student's needs.

LRB 1325/1 prohibits certain controlled substances from being dispensed without a prescription. This bill would prohibit schedule V controlled substances which contain codeine from being dispensed without a prescription.

The bills will be formally introduced and assigned to committees within the next two weeks.

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*The 97<sup>th</sup> Assembly District includes portions of the City of Waukesha,  
and Towns of Waukesha, Genesee, and Mukwonago.*

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