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## Assembly Passes AB 784 as part of the Foster Forward Package

**Madison...** Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) was proud to join her Assembly colleagues today in passing the Foster Forward legislative package. The Foster Forward package is a compilation of 13 bi-partisan policy initiatives to help support Wisconsin children in the foster care system. As part of this package, Representative Ballweg introduced Assembly Bill 784 that creates a pilot program to provide legal representation to parents whose children are the subject of a Child in Need of Protective Services petition.

“This package of bills supports the state’s responsibility when children have to be placed in out-of-home care,” said Ballweg. “I am proud to see the Assembly take steps in the right direction to give support and opportunity to Wisconsin’s foster youth.”

The Foster Forward package will aid in supporting children who are currently in the system, aging out of the system, and preventing children from needing to enter the child welfare system in the first place. Members of the Task Force traveled across the state and held public hearings to gather input from foster youth, biological and foster parents, county social workers, the courts, and more.

AB 748 along with the entire Foster Forward package will now go before the State Senate for consideration.

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