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## **Assembly GOP Unveils Proposal Addressing District Attorney Staffing**

**Madison** - Today, Rep. Mark Born (R - Beaver Dam) and Rep. John Nygren (R - Marinette) unveiled a proposal that adds 53.75 new assistant district attorney positions in 40 counties across Wisconsin.

“With today’s announcement, we are continuing our record in the legislature of providing real, structural solutions to the problems facing our state,” Rep. Nygren stated. “One of the biggest barriers counties face in criminal justice and justice for victims is the shortage of staffing in the district attorneys’ offices. This proposal will help address that shortage, bringing much needed resources to communities across Wisconsin.”

“In keeping with our larger conversation on the criminal justice system, it is important to ensure our prosecutors have the tools and resources they need to properly charge and prosecute the cases referred to their offices,” said Rep. Born.

“These additional positions will bring much needed support to 40 district attorney offices throughout the state, thereby reducing backlogs and putting more dangerous criminals behind bars,” Rep. Born continued. “In Dodge County, crimes associated with drugs and addiction have led to more casework for our system and the additional assistant district attorney position added here will go a long way to help these efforts.”

This proposal was drafted using data from the non-partisan Legislative Audit Bureau’s District Attorney Office Workload Analysis. It adds positions in counties whose staffing as a percentage of workload were below the statewide average and requested new positions in the last budget.

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