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Bill Fighting Child Pornography Advances to Governor's Desk

Assembly Approves Three Bills Authored by Representative Tusler

Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly approved [Senate Bill 68](#) authored by Representative Ron Tusler (R-Harrison) and Senator André Jacque (R – DePere) that bolsters child pornography laws and gives law enforcement greater flexibility when investigating child pornography crimes.

“This bill is a common sense measure to protect our children from harmful predators looking to exploit them,” said Rep. Tusler. “By strengthening the language in our child pornography law, we will ensure law enforcement has the tools they need to track down and investigate these monstrous predators and bring them to justice.”

The bill codifies language from a State Supreme Court decision, *State v. Petrone*, which will make clear that child erotica is considered child pornography. This change came at the request of local law enforcement upon seeing an upward trend in child erotica and will provide more clarity when conducting investigations. In 2017, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force made 537 arrests.

“I am glad my colleagues passed this bill in a bipartisan manner to protect our kids,” Tusler said.

Also today, the Assembly approved two additional bills authored by Rep. Tusler. The first bill will ensure individuals suing state employees receive their day in court and not have their lawsuits thrown out [based on a technicality](#). The second bill will [ease](#) the exchange of documents between attorneys and speed up the civil judicial process.

Senate Bill 68 will now head to the Governor's desk for his signature in the next few months. The other two bills head to the Senate for hearings in committee.

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