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## **Pro-Life Bills Pass the Assembly Floor**

Two Bills Authored with Sen. Testin, One Bill Authored with Sen. Stroebel

**Madison** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (R - Oconomowoc) proudly voted yes on the three pro-life bills she authored today as well as others on the Assembly floor. Those authored by the Representative are Assembly Bill 493, Assembly Bill 594, and Assembly Bill 595.

"As birth rates in this state continue to steadily decrease over the decades, my heart hurts for the lives taken too soon because an expectant parent, facing a fearful, unknown future for their child didn't have the encouragement or information assuring that their child's journey might be different, but would STILL be worthwhile," shared Rep. Dittrich. She also read aloud the poem "Welcome to Holland" by Emily Perl Kingsley in her speech, which describes the value of an unexpected parenting journey.

<u>Assembly Bill 594</u> would require physicians who administer a prenatal or postnatal test for a congenital condition and receive a positive test result to ensure the parent or expectant parent of the child with the positive test result receive certain educational resources on the congenital condition.

<u>Assembly Bill 595</u> would prohibit a person from performing/attempting to perform or induce an abortion if the person knows the woman is seeking an abortion solely because of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, or diagnosis or potential diagnosis of a congenital disability.

These two pieces of legislation ensure that any congenital diagnosis is not a death sentence but a way to grow as family and be prepared for everything that is to come.

<u>Assembly Bill 493</u> would prohibit the Department of Health Services (DHS) from certifying certain abortion providers as qualified providers under the Medical Assistance Program.

These bills are part of a larger pro-life initiative passed by the State Assembly today. Other bills passed include a "born alive" lifesaving requirement, providing information on reversing the initial effects of an abortifacient drug, and ensuring patients are eligible for a transplant despite disability. These measures ensure that Wisconsin validates the worth of every life and every child born in this state.

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