

## GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

August 11, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 85** in its entirety.

This bill would require that the Department of Corrections recommend revoking a person's extended supervision, parole, or probation if the person is charged with a crime while on extended supervision, parole, or probation.

We know we can keep our communities safe by holding offenders accountable, reform our justice system, and save money, all at the same time by using evidence-based practices to help us make better decisions throughout the justice system.

I am again vetoing this bill in its entirety because, as I stated previously in my veto message for 2019 Assembly Bill 805, I object to the unfunded mandate that such revocation would impose on the Department of Corrections, which would move Wisconsin in the wrong direction on criminal justice reform without improving public safety. This bill is estimated to have a fiscal impact of more than \$330 million in just the first two years and hundreds of millions of dollars in unknown, ongoing costs to state taxpayers in the years to follow. This significant price tag does not include construction costs to build additional state correctional facilities, which would likely be needed, or take into account the fiscal impact on local governments. This fiscal impact is particularly untenable on the heels of the legislature significantly underfunding existing operations at the Department of Corrections in the most recent state budget.

Wisconsin should be investing in data-driven, evidence-based programming that addresses barriers to reentry, enhances educational and vocational opportunities for individuals who will be released after completing their sentence, and provides treatment for mental health and substance use issues, which will help to reduce recidivism and save taxpayer money while improving public safety.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to ensure Wisconsin finally starts to invest in evidence-based solutions to improve community safety, reduce the likelihood that dangerous

criminals will reoffend, and, ultimately, save taxpayer dollars in the long run.

Respectfully submitted,  
*TONY EVERS*  
Governor