

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 569** in its entirety.

This bill would require the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to reimburse local units of government for law enforcement investigative services provided for incidents involving persons in the care of the department. The legislature voted to remove the funding necessary to support this legislation before sending it to my desk.

I support reimbursing local units of government for law enforcement investigative services. That is why I included language in my 2021-23 executive budget to reimburse local units of government for law enforcement investigative services and provided funding to make such reimbursements. That budget provision was rejected by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance on a party-line vote. My administration's support is also among the reasons why the Department of Corrections originally provided written testimony in support of this bill.

Unfortunately, an amendment during the legislative process removed the funding behind this proposal. I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's failure to provide the necessary resources for implementation, creating an unfunded mandate, when the state has ample resources available to support this effort.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor