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“Mental Healthcare Is Healthcare.” Rep. Robyn Vining Introduces Mental Healthcare Bill Package

MADISON—Representative Robyn Vining introduced the “Mental Healthcare is Healthcare” legislative package of 9 bills today to expand mental health access for Wisconsinites. These 9 bills are in addition to LRB-1684 introduced last week to train mental health professionals on the rights of LGBTQIA+ youth. Rep. Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) released the following statement:

“Every Wisconsinite deserves access to the mental healthcare that they need. I am committed to fighting for mental health access, especially as mental health funding and services are cut at the state and federal levels. At a time when we have both a \$4B+ state surplus, and a tremendous rainy day fund, the Wisconsin legislature has the opportunity—and I would propose the responsibility—to step up to meet this moment and address the mental health needs of Wisconsinites. We know the need is significant, affecting every corner of Wisconsin, and I believe we have the responsibility to do a better job connecting Wisconsinites with the mental healthcare that they deserve.

“These nine bills include:

- LRB-1677:** Requires health insurance to cover mental health visits
- LRB-1681:** Awards school-based mental health grants to school districts
- LRB-1680:** Expands state aid for schools to hire mental health professionals
- LRB-1683:** Pays prospective school social workers during their internship
- LRB-1682:** Provides grants to racial minority groups to become school social workers
- LRB-0013:** Provides grants to schools to hire racially diverse mental health professionals
- LRB-1700:** Trains teachers in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
- LRB-1678:** Brings more federal Medicaid funds to schools
- LRB-1691:** Invests in the mental health needs of college students

“It is time that this legislature invests in the mental health and well-being of Wisconsinites. This package gives legislators an opportunity to finally do what is needed to address the mental health needs of Wisconsinites. Mental healthcare is healthcare, and these bills help Wisconsin move forward, *together.*”

Rep. Vining represents the 13th Assembly District, which includes Elm Grove, and parts of Wauwatosa and Brookfield. For more information visit Rep. Vining’s website [here](#).

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