



City of West Allis

Legislation Text

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Resolution in support of legislative proposals introduced by State Representative Joe Sanfelippo, State Senator Leah Vukmir and other elected officials during the State of Wisconsin Legislature's 2017-2018 Biennial Session intended to keep habitual criminals off the streets and stop violent, repeat offenders who continue to cycle through our criminal justice system continuing from continuing to victimize communities throughout Wisconsin.

Whereas, according to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections 1 out of every 3 people released from prison will commit a new crime;

Whereas, according to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections 31.3% released from prison in 2011 were convicted of a new crime within 3 years of their release.

Whereas, according to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections 35% of offenders released after 1 year or less of prison re-offend, 31.2% of offenders released after 2-3 years in prison re-offend and 15.7% of offenders released after 5 or more years in prison re-offend.

Whereas, from 2011-2015 sexual assaults up 2%, robberies up 13%, assaults up 21.5% and motor vehicle thefts up 33% from 2011 and up another 50% from 2013.

Whereas, the Milwaukee Police Department reports in 2016 there were 102 unique offenders arrested for habitual criminality (Wisconsin State Statute § 939.62), from January 1st, 2007 through December 31st, 2016, these 102 offenders were arrested 945 times for a total of 2,628 crimes and the offender with the greatest number of arrests has been arrested 37 times from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2016;

Whereas, the Milwaukee Police Department's firearm recovery rate is 246.6 per 100,000 people and on comparison, Chicago's firearm recovery rate is 185.5 per 100,000;

Whereas, historically Milwaukee seizes a similar amount of firearms as New York City, despite New York having a population 15 times the size of Milwaukee;

Whereas, violent crimes have risen statewide according to the Uniform Crime Report;

Whereas, the financial burden placed on local communities is great when local law enforcement continue to arrest the same criminals;

Whereas, the cost to families victimized by violent criminals, emotionally, psychologically and financially, is much higher than it is for taxpayers to keep our communities safe.

Whereas, legislation introduced by State Representative Joe Sanfelippo and State Senator Leah Vukmir known as the Victim Prevention Package, which includes 2017 Assembly Bills 87 - 94 and 2017 Senate Bills 52 - 59, is paramount to keeping citizens throughout West Allis and the State of Wisconsin safe;

Whereas, 2017 Assembly Bill 524 and 2017 Senate Bill 408 authored by State Representative Joe Sanfelippo and State Senator Alberta Darling will further assist local law enforcement officials in keeping communities safe

throughout Wisconsin;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Common Council of the city of West Allis calls on both houses of the state legislature to swiftly pass the aforementioned crime prevention bills and the Governor to sign the bills into law as soon as practicable and without delay;

Be it further resolved that the City of West Allis Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to communicate this resolution to Governor Walker, members of the State Assembly and State Senate, elected officials of the 19 communities with the ICC, Milwaukee County elected officials, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Towns Association, and law enforcement officials and organizations throughout Wisconsin.