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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today took action on dozens of bills. The bills enacted by the governor today build upon “Bradyn’s Law” (2025 Wisconsin Act 48) by bolstering deterrents for sexual extortion, support efforts to bolster affordable housing options, extend open enrollment application timeframe for military families, ensure qualifying Hmong and Laotian veterans can receive military funeral honors, establish rights and obligations concerning the use of name, image, and likeness for University of Wisconsin student athletes, and numerous bills intended to improve road safety around schools and communities, among others.

Today, the governor enacted dozens of bills, including:

Assembly Bill 918, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 202:

- Makes adoption a required topic instead of a recommended topic that a school district must cover as part of human growth and development instruction, if the school district provides such instruction.

Senate Bill 134, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 204:

the U.S. Armed Forces, the state defense force, or the National Guard of any state, providing flexibility to military families, helping them choose the right school district for their children.

Assembly Bill 913, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 205:

- Creates an income tax subtraction for taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2025, for any amount of basic pay income received by a member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces and any amount of inactive-duty training compensation.

Senate Bill 810, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 206:

- Increases the stipend to organizations that perform military funeral honors; and
- Extends funeral honors to qualifying Hmong and Laotian veterans.

Senate Bill 387, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 207:

- Allows for a qualified veteran to indicate on their operator's license or identification card that they are a veteran, providing clarity on who can obtain a veteran status designation on their driver's license or state identification card, and will allow recognition for the service of all Wisconsin veterans.

Senate Bill 136, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 208:

- Allows for two additional lamps to be mounted on a school bus that illuminate the rear wheels while backing up;
- Allows a school bus to have an illuminated sign placed above the front windshield and an illuminated sign mounted on the rear above the window; and
- Allows for a light-emitting diode (LED) strobe light mounted on the roof.

Senate Bill 392, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 209:

- Requires all approved driver education courses to include instruction relating to student crossings, school bus lights, and when cars must stop for a stopped school bus, including how requirements are affected by highway configuration.

Senate Bill 248, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 210:

- Increases penalties for violation of the terms of use of ignition interlock devices (IID);
- Creates an appeal process for violations;
- Eliminates waiting periods for occupation licenses if an IID is installed on a vehicle; and
- Restricts a person ordered to only operate vehicles equipped with an IID from operating motorcycles as well.