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Legislative Leaders Press DPI to Keep Literacy Initiatives on Track While Court Considers Governor Evers' Illegal Veto

Madison- Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers' unconstitutional partial veto of Act 100 and the ongoing discussion surrounding literacy:

"In Act 20, a bipartisan majority of the legislature and the governor explicitly allowed DPI to hire a Director for the Office of Literacy and early literacy coaches.

"Governor Evers' illegal veto of Act 100 and the legislature's lawsuit to undo it have no effect on DPI's ability to take the first steps in implementing these critical literacy initiatives.

"I am confident that the court will rule that Governor Evers' veto is illegal. In the meantime, DPI should take action to ensure that the literacy initiatives approved by bipartisan majorities of the legislature and signed into law by the governor are not unnecessarily delayed."

The legislature has filed suit to undo the Governor's illegal partial veto of Act 100 and sent a letter to DPI encouraging the department to proceed under Act 100 as approved by the legislature.

See the letter [here](#).

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Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9th Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He serves as Majority Leader for the Wisconsin State Senate.