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Thank you Chairman Kleefisch and members of the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety for holding a hearing on AB 627. This legislation came from a collaborative effort with the Department of Corrections to help clarify policies and provide a technical change to help create safer communities.

The first change in this bill is the repeal of the 1956 Interstate Compact on Juveniles. As of July 1st, 2014 this compact is obsolete as every state has replaced it with the 2008 Interstate Compact for Juveniles. This means certain sections of statute are no longer applicable to any of Wisconsin's responsibilities of providing courtesy supervision of delinquent youth and returning runaway youth from other states. These old laws have been replaced by regulations contained within the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. DOC has indicated this has led to confusion in the agency as some persons will mistakenly consult the old laws. By repealing the old laws we ensure the most up to date policies and procedures are followed.

The second part to this legislation makes changes to statutory references to youth in Wisconsin under the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles. An oversight when this compact was initially adopted by Wisconsin in 2005 prevented the statutory updates. By making this technical change we will assure that sex offender youth coming to Wisconsin from other states to live, work or go to school can be required to register with the state sex offender registry.