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Rep. Steffen Supports Proposal to Address Prosecutor Shortage in Brown County

Madison- State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) issued the following statement regarding legislation that the Assembly will take up today that will provide funding for 53.75 FTE assistant district attorney (ADA) positions in over 40 counties.

“I am incredibly thankful that the Assembly is taking up this important issue. The need to address the shortfall of assistant district attorneys throughout our state, and specifically in Brown County, is absolutely critical. This shortage has resulted in a substantial backlog of casework, which is a true public safety concern. Beyond the backlog, this shortage also means many communities aren’t able to focus ADA time on valuable diversion programs and treatment courts. Providing the funding to add these much needed ADA positions will be a positive step forward in alleviating this shortage,” said Rep. Steffen.

Legislative language that the Assembly plans to take up would authorize funding for the new positions beginning July 1, 2019. Brown County is among the counties that would benefit from this bill and would add 2.0 FTE assistant district attorney positions.

“I am very proud to support this much needed funding to address the shortage of prosecutors throughout our state and specifically in Brown County. I know that addressing the attorney staffing shortage has been a top priority for Brown County District Attorney David Lasee, County Executive Troy Streckenbach, and Sheriff John Gossage for some time, and I believe this proposal will certainly help deliver on this important issue,” said Rep. Steffen.

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