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### REP NELSON TESTIFIES ON SAFE SPEEDS, SAFE STUDENTS ACT

*NELSON LEGISLATION AUTHORED ON BEHALF OF A CONSTITUENT*

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) testified today at an Assembly Transportation Committee hearing on the Safe Speeds, Safe Students Act, AB 625. The legislation would help protect students from speeding motorists.

“I authored the Safe Speeds, Safe Students Act at the request of constituents whose grandson was seriously injured when struck by a vehicle outside of Kaukauna High School,” said Representative Nelson. “Families should be confident that schools are safe places for kids to be. This bill will help accomplish that.”

The Safe Speeds, Safe Students Act would allow counties to lower the speed in designated school zones along country trunk highways without Department of Transportation approval. Under current law, counties may lower the speed limit by 10 miles per hour, but must obtain state approval to lower the speed limit further. With school districts frequently choosing to build new schools on the edges of town, where speed limits are higher, greater flexibility is needed to ensure the safety of students crossing or walking along roads.

“This bill will provide another tool to county governments to keep our students safe,” said Representative Nelson. “By permanently lowering the speed limit of these roads, drivers will be forced to consistently slow down, helping to reduce the chances of serious accidents”

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