

November 22, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 60 in its entirety.

The bill would make several changes to current law relating to the placement of sexually violent persons who qualify for supervised release, which was amended by 2017 Wisconsin Act 184. Among other things, the bill would eliminate the prohibition on placing a sexually violent person within 1,500 feet of any school premises, child care facility, public park, place of worship, or youth center. Instead, the bill would require the county to consider the distance between the person's placement and particular types of properties.

I am vetoing the bill because I object to weakening the protections in current law requiring residential options for sexually violent persons to be a specific distance from any school premises, child care facilities, public parks, places of worship, or youth centers. Providing as safe of a place as we can for our kids to grow, learn, and play is one of the most vital responsibilities of our society.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Evers Governor