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To the Honorable Members of the Senate:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 799 in its entirety.

This bill would make certain changes to accessing court and health records for minors, including enabling access to youth mental health treatment records and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing results in certain situations.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to undermining Wisconsin's existing patient privacy protections for kids, especially youth who may be at increased risk for exploitation, abuse, or mental and behavioral health needs. Additionally, I am also very worried that this erosion of patient privacy protections may negatively affect public health efforts to respond to—and end—the HIV epidemic in Wisconsin. This is especially concerning as President Donald Trump and the Trump Administration work to make catastrophic cuts to public health research, monitoring, and prevention, including relating to HIV, that will have devastating consequences on our state's and our country's ability to respond to current and future outbreaks of deadly diseases and viruses.

This policy change could deter vulnerable youth from getting the HIV testing they need, putting their health and safety at risk, as well as the health and safety of others at risk. Much progress has been made against the HIV epidemic in recent decades, and we should be skeptical of legislation or other efforts that could reverse these trends or enable a resurgence of deadly diseases and viruses. We should be working to make healthcare, including preventative health screenings, more accessible and more affordable, not finding new ways to deter folks from seeking or receiving the care they need or eroding the privacy protections that patients expect and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers  
Governor