

## List of completely new bullets added to each PP&J section:

### Youth Justice

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- **Restorative Justice:** Support and fund restorative justice actions in middle and high schools, communities, and programs that work with youth. Especially the creation of alternatives to suspension to prevent youth crime and eliminate racial disparities in the justice system.

### Public Safety and Emergency Management

- **Gun Safety:** Support public funding for gun safety education and access to gun locks.

### Criminal Justice and Corrections

- **Payday Lenders:** Support legislation to create additional consumer protections from payday lenders.
- **Human trafficking:** Supports efforts to eradicate human trafficking using a paired approach of increased enforcement and addressing root causes.
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**What the PP&J sections would like after adding new bullets and language modifications to additional items if they are adopted. New language is highlighted and language removed is crossed out.**

## Public Protection and Judiciary Committee

### **Youth Justice**

- **Youth Justice:** ~~Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs. Support continued improvements to the youth justice and juvenile corrections systems that use research-based restorative actions, provide adequate funding for secured residential~~

~~care centers, and expand access to comprehensive mental health services.~~ Support continuation and expansion of programs focusing on the prevention of delinquency, alcohol and other drug use, child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs. Support continued improvements to the youth justice system that use research-based methods and expand access to mental health services.

- **Youth Aids:** Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care **and prevention services** costs for youth offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out-of-home placements for youth (~~including corrections, child caring institutions and residential care facilities~~) to no more than the increase in Youth Aids.
- **17 Year Olds:** Remove 17-year-olds from the adult correctional system and return them to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
- **Alternative placement options:** Support efforts to develop placements and services for youth in community-based and other treatment facilities, including correctional programs in Dane County.
- **Restorative Justice:** Support and fund restorative justice actions in middle and high schools, communities, and programs that work with youth. Especially the creation of alternatives to suspension to prevent youth crime and eliminate racial disparities in the justice system.
- **Youth Programs:** Support continuation and expansions of programs focusing on prevention of delinquency, alcohol and other drug use, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence. Support increased funding and support for youth after school programs **including transportation options**, especially at the middle school level.
- **Youth Courts:** Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.
- **Group Homes:** Support efforts to reassess the maximum daily rate that group homes receive.

## Public Safety and Emergency Management

- **EMS Services:** Support legislation that encourages financial support of volunteers in emergency medical services and that addresses liability issues and professional standards. Support state reimbursement for radio frequency and upgrade requirements.
- **Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems:** Support legislation to redirect some of the Police and Fire Protection Fee surcharge to 911 Centers.
- **First Responder Training:** Require training for first responders on

appropriate procedures for identifying, assisting, and interacting with older adults as well as other adults who may have complications from abuse, dementia, mental health or other disorders.

- **Open Records Law:** Support updating the open records law to cover all county costs for new and emerging labor-intensive records requests and associated costs including redaction.
- **Criminal Background Check:** Support additional funds to the Department of Justice to enable conducting of uniform criminal background checks of to-be-hired direct care workers by public non-profit agencies.
- **Multi-line Telephone System (MLTS) Calls to 911:** Support legislation requiring owners/operators of these systems to deliver Wisconsin 9-1-1 Centers precise location information instead of merely the “headquarters office” location and call-back numbers now delivered when callers from their system dial 9-1-1 seeking aid.
- **Support Gun Control:** Ban habitual criminals from obtaining concealed carry permits, make the purchase of a firearm for somebody who is prohibited from possessing a firearm a felony, make the possession of a concealed firearm by those prohibited under Wisconsin law a felony, and require that private gun sales be subject to criminal background checks performed by a federally licensed gun dealer. Support changes to state law that allow local gun regulations.
- **Gun Safety:** Support public funding for gun safety education and access to gun locks.
- **Concealed Carry Weapons:** Modify the concealed carry law to prohibit concealed weapons from being carried onto the grounds, parking lots or areas associated with convention, entertainment, and sporting facilities, venues where the public assembles for tradeshow, demonstrations, conventions, consumer shows, entertainment, sporting or educational events, including zoos, convention centers, arenas, horse arenas, hockey arenas, concert and sporting venues for public assembly events, including when those facilities are used for private events, institutions of higher learning, public schools, child care facilities, community centers, health care facilities, and public mass transportation. Support setting concealed carry license fees at an amount sufficient to fund all County Sheriffs’ costs associated with administering the law.

## **Criminal Justice and Corrections**

- **Racial disparities:** Support all efforts to remove racial inequities and inequitable access to our broken criminal justice system. Support publishing racial disparity and incarceration statistics at all levels of the criminal justice system.

- **Smart Justice:** Support legislation and state investments in smart justice reforms that work to solve the problems of crime such as access to mental health services, treatment for addiction, affordable housing, education, and employment rather than simply punishing people. Support evidence-based, data-driven reforms that enhance fairness and efficiencies while increasing safety and reducing taxpayer costs.
- **Triage and restoration:** Support state investment in community triage and restoration centers.
- **Alternatives to incarceration:** Support alternatives to incarceration throughout the criminal justice system with strong state support for front-end diversion programs.
- **Expungement:** Support removing employment barriers by creating an opportunity for expungement for all ages.
- **Bail, Probation & Parole:** Support comprehensive reform on state parole and probation revocation policy, including decreasing crimeless revocations and allowing individuals to be released pending revocation investigation in order to reduce days in jail. Support reforms to bail and conditions of pretrial release that respects the constitutional rights of the accused, enhances public safety, and incorporates evidence-based strategies.
- **Changes to state DOC process:** Urge the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to hold revocation hearings outside of jails and continue technological changes that help reduce length of stay.
- **Mental Health Courts:** Encourage state support for county mental health courts.
- **Prisoner Re-entry:** Adequately fund prisoner community re-entry programs including transportation to increase success and effectiveness. Support application of a State Plan Amendment to provide pre-release Medical Assistance coverage for eligible individuals to improve access to health care services.
- **Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap:** Support changing Public Defender eligibility level to the same level as eligibility for appointed counsel to eliminate the gap that currently requires the court to appoint counsel at county expense.
- **County Jail:** Support full state funding for probation and parole holds, more funding for incarceration alternatives, and support Justice Impact Statements.

- **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion:** Support enhancements to public safety and reduce unnecessary corrections related expenditures by (a) Increasing funding for the treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program by \$15 million annually; (b) Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime can be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature; (c) Changing the statute so that people with a mental health issue (and not a co-occurring addiction issue) can be eligible; and (d) Focusing the growth in TAD in these three main areas: (1) Expansion of OWI Courts, SSTOP, and other programs that address drunk driving; (2) Expansion of drug treatment programs that can help deal with the growing heroin problem as well as other drugs; and (3) Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities that have the state's highest incarceration rates.
- **Court Interpreters:** Support appointing court interpreters to all cases regardless of indigency and support an increase in state funding for reimbursement to counties for interpreter services.
- **Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act:** Support creation of WCJRA to provide sentencing judges with more effective treatment options while reducing the prison population and sharing the savings with counties to fund local criminal justice/treatment programs.
- **Racial Disparity Subcommittee:** Support creation of a state Criminal Justice Coordinating Council subcommittee on racial disparities within the criminal justice system.
- **State Court System:** Increase state funding of the circuit court system, including court security.
- **Victim-Witness Program:** Support full state funding of program costs for victim-witness services to cover additional costs to counties from Marsy's Law.
- **Clerk of Court Fees:** Pursue statutory changes to increase the county share of fines/forfeitures.
- **Fines and Fees:** Support efforts to give judges flexibility and discretion on fines.
- **Domestic Violence:** Support state funding for domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution, including funding for three ADA positions dedicated to domestic violence and shelter services.
- **Fee Increase for Jury Trial:** Support legislation to increase the fee for a jury trial from \$6 to \$15. The funding is needed to offset increases in juror compensation.

- **Prisoner Hospitalization:** ~~Oppose any legislation that would reverse/overturn the WI Supreme Court ruling on the Meriter case.~~ Support any state and federal efforts to maintain Medicaid coverage for incarcerated people and oppose any legislation that would expand the County's statutory obligation to pay medical and hospital costs for anyone other than indigent residents who are being held at the Dane County Jail under the state's criminal laws or for contempt of court.
- **District Attorney Funding:** Support increased state funding for more Deputy District Attorney and Assistance District Attorney positions to meet growing caseloads.
- **Mental Health Screenings:** Support and fund mental health screening and treatment for jailed inmates in county juvenile detention, shelter homes, and county jails.
- **Legalize Marijuana:** Support legislation legalizing marijuana. Dane County voters approved by 76% "yes" votes and 24% "no" votes.
- **Victim-Witness Services:** Support increasing state funding for victim-witness services to cover additional costs to counties from Marsy's Law.
- **Public Defenders:** Support pay progression plans and retention initiatives to help ensure adequate access to public defenders for those who need one.
- **Policing reforms:** Support efforts to ban chokehold and increase transparency on use of force.
- **Body Cameras:** Support state body camera legislation that requires minimum days of storage of footage, public access to footage, a prohibition of police officers reviewing footage before writing their report of the incident, and funding for public defender staff to review, document, and store body camera footage. Also support state legislation that does not mandate that local law enforcement agencies use body cameras. Support state legislation that funds police vehicle dash cameras.
- **Interstate Traffic Tickets:** Amend State Statutes to allow Wisconsin to join the Interstate Compact on Traffic Forfeitures to facilitate collection of out-of-state traffic violators and capture a needed revenue source for the state and county.
- **Boating Laws:** Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require education/training for operation of motorized watercraft. Support legislation making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating commensurate with those for drunken driving.

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## Elections

- **Voter Registration Changes and Voter Identification Requirement:** Oppose legislation that changes same day voter registration, reduces times for absentee ballot voting and/or requires photo identification to vote.
- **Public Funding for Elections:** Support public financing for local and state elections.