

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 941** in its entirety.

The bill would require the Governor to allocate federal funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the Department of Transportation to create three programs to increase the number of people with commercial driver licenses.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to limiting the state's ability to use federal funds with the flexibility necessary to confront the variety of challenges posed by the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and to respond to Wisconsin's changing needs. More specifically, it is the role of the Governor in Wisconsin to oversee federal fund use under Section 16.54 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, which is clearly established, has been in place for decades, and reaffirmed by legislative leaders in an April 2020 letter.

Additionally, I am also vetoing this bill because I object to locating a workforce development program within the Department of Transportation. The bill's proposed programs are outside the scope of the Department of Transportation's traditional mission and duties and would limit the exploration of better or complementary options for workforce training efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor