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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 836 in its entirety.

This bill would require the Wisconsin Technical College System Board to work with local technical college district boards to establish two part-time police academies and would require that the Governor allocate \$1 million in fiscal year 2022-23 from discretionary federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object on the grounds that the Wisconsin Technical College System and Board expressed concerns about two provisions in this bill that went unaddressed through the legislative process and requested additional flexibility to implement this program effectively. To that end, on March 15, 2022, I announced \$1 million for the Wisconsin Technical College System to establish part-time police academies with that requested flexibility. We allow our technical colleges to be responsive to workforce needs in creating these academies so they can continue to be a critical partner in addressing our state's workforce challenges.

Finally, it remains the role of the Governor to oversee the use of federal funds under Section 16.54 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,


Tony Evers
Governor