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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 582 in its entirety.

This bill would establish the Council on Dual Enrollment at the Department of Workforce Development. This council would be required to study and recommend methods to ensure all high school students and families have access to clear, affordable, and attainable pathways to college credit while in high school. Under the bill, the council would consist of 14 members appointed for staggered three-year terms, and the bill specifies the number of members that may be appointed by each appointing authority. The bill requires the department to provide administrative support and assistance to the council, as well as requiring the department to develop an informational portal and printed brochure relating to dual enrollment programming.

I have long been a strong proponent of dual enrollment coursework, skills, and programming, and I have been excited to visit several communities across our state where students and schools are already doing this important work and doing it exceptionally well. It is unfortunate that the Legislature declined to meaningfully support dual enrollment by providing additional resources in this bill to help expand those very opportunities across Wisconsin.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to creating an unfunded mandate for the Department of Workforce Development and to the Legislature providing no additional resources to help support dual enrollment opportunities across our state. Additionally, I object to this bill's placement of the council at a state agency that has no direct role in dual enrollment programming, which could result in a missed opportunity to connect the dots between kids' educational needs and the needs of our state's workforce.

While the Department of Workforce Development is doing impressive work under my administration, it nevertheless remains unclear how the department can or will employ the council's recommendations to improve general education course transferability, much less how any of the council's recommendations will be actualized to realize the goals of this bill.

In my time as Governor, more students than ever before are participating in dual enrollment coursework, and I hope that continues. This bill receives an incomplete, but I hope future lawmakers can find a way to support comprehensive dual enrollment coordination while providing the necessary resources and meaningful legislative support for such work.

Therefore, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tony Evers
Governor