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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 241 in its entirety.

This bill would modify an existing state statute that governs apprenticeship programs, changing the allowable ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices for construction trades. Under current law, the Department of Workforce Development may not require more than one journeyworker for each apprentice. As amended, the bill would retain this one-to-one ratio for non-construction trades, while creating a separate provision allowing a ratio of one journeyworker to two apprentices for construction trades. The amendment would define "construction trade" to mean a trade, craft, or business that the department has identified as being a construction trade for purposes of its approval of apprenticeship programs.

While I recognize the importance of expanding workforce opportunities and addressing labor shortages in the skilled trades, I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to weakening long-standing safeguards that help ensure the safety and quality of apprenticeship training programs. Allowing a single journeyworker to supervise more than one apprentice in construction settings raises significant concerns about adequate apprentice oversight, the quality of on-the-job instruction, and jobsite safety in an industry where risks are inherently high.

Changes to apprenticeship standards should be developed in close collaboration with industry partners, labor organizations, training providers, and the department to ensure that any reforms maintain high-quality training, protect worker safety, and align with federal requirements. This bill was not meaningfully developed through this collaborative process. Therefore, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor