

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3340  
(First Reprint)

ADVANCE COPY

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3340 (First Reprint) without my approval.

Today, I signed a package of five bills designed to improve and expand vocational education throughout New Jersey. I commend the sponsors from both parties, especially the Speaker of the General Assembly, for working on this legislation. Each year, New Jersey's career and technical programs are in high demand as they prepare tens of thousands of young adults for college and careers by providing them a meaningful academic education and the skills they need to be successful in the workforce. These bills - Assembly Bill Nos. 3334, 3335, 3337, 3338, and 3339 - support career and technical education in a responsible way that increases focus on career readiness in teacher preparation and school performance; facilitates the expansion of career and technical education programs through partnerships with local school districts, colleges, and industry; and makes college-level instruction more accessible to high school students.

While I support the advancement of vocational education in these ways, I cannot sign Assembly Bill No. 3340 (First Reprint) and Assembly Bill No. 3341 (First Reprint) because each would impose a significant financial burden upon the State and, as such, should only be considered as part of the annual budget process.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Accordingly, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3340 (First  
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Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie  
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino  
Chief Counsel to the Governor