

September 9, 2013

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3270
(Second Reprint)**

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3270 (Second Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to develop a career exploration report that provides students in seventh to twelfth grades with information concerning employment in high-demand industries. Each school district is required to distribute hard copies of the report to parents and guardians.

I support sensible and cost-efficient measures designed to further educate our students about how they can explore career options. To that end, the Departments of Education and Labor and Workforce Development already provide employment and career information to students in addition to what is taught in the classroom. For example, the departments collaborate on a free online career guidance system known as the New Jersey Career Assistance Navigator, www.njcan.org, which provides comprehensive and current employment and career information to students, educators, and parents.

In light of the State's current efforts on this front, and to avoid unnecessary duplication and waste, I am returning this bill with my recommendation that the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the Commissioner of Education undertake a review of all existing efforts of their respective departments to provide middle and high school students with information concerning employment in high-demand industries and report back to me on whether current efforts provide sufficient career guidance to students.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3270

(Second Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 8-43: Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Section 1, Lines 1-14: Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Line 15: Insert new section 1:
"1. The Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall undertake a review of all existing efforts of their respective departments that provide middle and high school students with information concerning employment in high-demand industries and shall report directly to the Governor no later than three months after the effective date of this act on whether those efforts provide sufficient career guidance to such students."

Page 3, Section 2, Lines 16-17: Delete "on the first day of the third month following enactment" and insert "immediately"

Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor