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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1147 without my signature.

No one can question the desirability of minor parents in foster care receiving whatever help they need to become good parents, but this bill won't further that goal.

By law, social workers are required to submit updated case plans to the juvenile court every six months. These lengthy and detailed plans chronicle every aspect of the foster child's life, including whatever is needed to become a good parent.

Placing in statute one more specific plan element, as this bill does, just adds to the bureaucratic complexity without really assisting the foster youth to live a better life.

The more time adults in the foster care system spend writing and reading reports, the less time they have for the guidance and human caring that make the real difference.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.