



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 154 without my signature.

This bill requires the sentencing court, after making specified findings, to provide a recommendation to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to conduct a mental health evaluation on a defendant sentenced to state prison.

While I understand the author's intent, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation already conducts mental health evaluations on every defendant sentenced to state prison, regardless of a recommendation from the court.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.