



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1996 without my signature.

This bill exempts a nonprofit institution that meets specific, narrow criteria from the requirements of the California Private Postsecondary Education Act.

While I understand the desire to escape from the burdens of regulation, conferring this new, exclusive statutory exemption on a single qualifying nonprofit lacks fairness.

Hundreds of private postsecondary providers on the state's Eligible Provider Training List have gained the necessary approval from the state to operate. Many have revenues under \$5 million and also have nonprofit status.

Rather than supporting this one-provider exemption, I will direct the relevant departments and agencies to work together to consider whether further exemption from portions of the Act or the Act itself are warranted for this class of private postsecondary providers.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.