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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

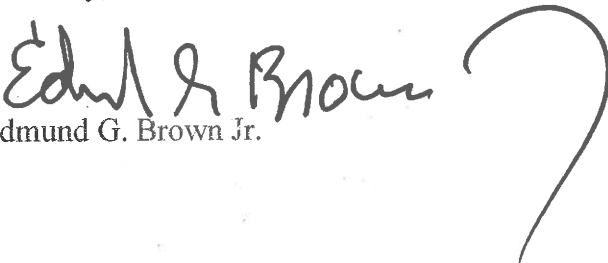
I am returning Assembly Bill 2005 without my signature.

This bill creates a new evidentiary standard that must be met before a court can accept the recommendation of a probation department to place a juvenile in an out-of-state home or treatment facility.

I agree that out-of-state placements should be a last resort. In fact, the required case plan that probation must present to the court prior to such a placement being ordered must already show that in-state options have been exhausted or are not in the best interest of the child.

Last year I signed the Continuum of Care Reform Initiative into law. These reforms will drastically overhaul our system of housing youth under state care for the better, prioritizing in-home and smaller group placements wherever possible. Let's give this landmark effort some time to work before we pursue additional changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

