



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 203 without my signature.

This bill makes significant changes to the petition process contained in the Parent Empowerment Act of 2010.

The State Board of Education has spent the past year engaged in a lengthy, contentious process to reach consensus among a diverse group of stakeholders. The result is a set of regulations that received unanimous support and address many of the changes proposed by this bill.

I believe that these regulations should have a chance to be implemented and tested by local districts before considering any further modifications.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.